



2026-27 MINISTRY TEAM CATALOGUE

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Dear members of West Lawn UMC,

You're holding our church's 2026-27 Ministry Team Catalogue. In it you'll find a variety of opportunities for you to use your time and talent to serve God here at West Lawn UMC. As members, we believe that everyone is capable of serving in one way or another. I invite you to browse through this catalogue and consider how you'll serve in this season of ministry. Once you've discerned which ministry team(s) that you'd like to be a part of, please complete the companion to this catalogue, the Ministry Team Commitment Card, and return it to the church office. You may also complete the Ministry Team Commitment Card online, found at www.westlawnumc.com/team; it's located under the MINISTRIES tab online and on our app. I look forward to serving with you and seeing how God will use you here at our church.

Pastor Tom

**Our church's mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.**

**Our vision is to invite, embrace, and empower all
to be the family of God in Christ.**

101 Whitfield Elementary School Partnership

As a team member, you'll partner with the team leader to support the children, families, and staff of Whitfield Elementary in meaningful, practical ways. This could include assisting students who need extra reading support, serving during special celebration days throughout the school year, or offering encouragement through thoughtful notes to teachers and support staff. This team also welcomes a team leader who can serve as the primary point of contact between West Lawn and Whitfield—helping coordinate schedules and collaborate on opportunities to make a positive impact in the school community.

Stephanie Serfass, x502, stephanie@westlawnmc.org

102 Tree of Blessing Coordinator Team

Join our Tree of Blessing team as we coordinate "Secret Santa" Christmas gifts for families in need in our community. Volunteers on this team help with organizing the family information, creating family tags, promoting the program, and sorting gifts. Your leadership makes this meaningful ministry possible—bringing joy and hope during the holiday season.

Seeking Leadership: Contact the Church Office if interested



104 Faithful Friends Consignment Sale

You can consign, donate, or volunteer for our consignment sale held in the Community Center each fall and spring. Consignors offer gently used children's clothing, toys, accessories, and more, at a fraction of retail prices. A portion of the profits is donated to local organizations that support less fortunate individuals and families in our community.

Mehgan Epler, 484-577-9006, mehganeppler2687@gmail.com

105 Kitchen Ministry

Join the kitchen ministry team that serves West Lawn Wednesday meals in our Community Center, from September through May. Opportunities include preparing, cooking, baking, setting up, cleaning up, hosting, serving, and more! Everyone is welcome to participate as we provide a quality meal at a fair price, with proceeds benefiting local and global mission work.

Seeking Leadership: Contact the Church Office if interested



106 Meal Delivery Team

Our delicious West Lawn Wednesday meals are delivered each Wednesday evening to shut-ins and those recovering from illnesses and procedures throughout the school year. Join our team as a driver to deliver meals on a weekly or rotating basis to families around Berks County.

Katie Marweg, 610-223-7470, moymar@aol.com

Debbie Schartel, 610-468-3147, firengr@comcast.net

107 Accessibility Ramp Team

Be part of a team that provides life and safety handyman services, primarily by building exterior ramps for homes to support elderly individuals and people with disabilities. The team also steps in to assist single moms and dads with limited family or financial support by helping with essential home repairs.

John Hunter, 484-926-1342, j.e.hunter65@gmail.com

108 Children & Teens Free Clothing Closet

West Lawn's Children and Teen Clothing Ministry serves families in need by offering free clothing, shoes, undergarments, and socks for children ages 0–18. The ministry operates once a month on the third Wednesday, from 4:00-7:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to host at our 100 Woodside House—welcoming families and helping create a caring, respectful environment as they shop.

Kelly Rismiller, x301, kelly@westlawnumc.org



109 Adult Clothing Ministry

Our congregation generously donates gently used adult clothing and shoes to help those in need. You can be part of the team that supports this effort by making weekly deliveries from WLUMC to local nonprofit organizations and shelters, where the items are distributed to adults facing hardship.

Amanda Shocket, 610-781-9021, amandashocket@yahoo.com

110 Community Garden Ministry

West Lawn's fruit, vegetable, and herb garden—located behind our 100 Woodside house—is cared for by a team of passionate volunteers. Together, we cultivate the space and share the harvest through donations that bless our community. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just getting started, you're welcome to join us!

Kelly Rismiller, x301, kelly@westlawnumc.org



111 Carolina Rebuilding Ministry Mission Trip

Be part of our summer mission team as we travel for one week each July to North Carolina to serve homeowners in need. Through hands-on work, such as plumbing repairs, roofing, siding, window and door replacement, flooring, and building wheelchair ramps, we help restore safety, stability, and dignity for less fortunate homeowners. Youth and adults are invited to join this meaningful week of service.

Pastor Chris Hardy, x402, chris@westlawnumc.org



112 Gratitude Golf Outing Planning Team

West Lawn's annual Gratitude Golf Outing is a meaningful tradition that supports a family, individual, or ministry within our congregation. Join the team that brings this event to life: help plan and organize, secure sponsors and prizes, and serve on-site at the golf course to create a day of generosity, connection, and impact.

Trisha Rabold, x501, trisha@westlawnumc.org



113 Help Build Hope Volunteer

Help Build Hope is a one-weekend, hands-on mission opportunity where our church builds the interior wall frames for a home that will be given to a family in need. This team does it all, from cutting and labeling lumber to assembling frames and loading them for delivery to the build site. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, including children, parents, and seniors. September 11-12, 2026

Charlie Soper, 732-300-7410, csoper58@gmail.com



114 **Rise Against Hunger Volunteer**

Join a team that gathers once a year for a two-hour, high-energy event in partnership with Rise Against Hunger. Together, we package 25,000 nutritious meals for people around the world facing hunger. This mission-focused experience brings volunteers together in an assembly-line setting in our Community Center to make a global impact. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, including children, parents, and seniors. April 2027

Kelly Rismiller, x301, kelly@westlawnumc.org



115 **Tomb Breakers™ Motorcycle Ministry**

Tomb Breakers™ is a faith-based motorcycle ministry where men and women come together to grow in their walk with God and support one another—built on family, food, and giving back through the motorcycle community. Through group events, community service, outdoor worship, and mobile ministry, we put faith into action beyond church walls. We're looking for volunteers to help with setup, refreshments, and welcoming guests—critical roles to our success—and you don't have to ride a motorcycle to be part of it; we'd love to have you on the team!

Shane Paisley, 610-781-0035, Tombbreakersmm@gmail.com

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COMMUNITY MISSION PARTNERS

202 Hope Rescue Mission

"It's more than a meal, it's a message!" – Please join the Hope Rescue Mission Team on the fourth Sunday of each month from 4pm to 7pm to help transform a meal into a message of hope, belonging, and gratitude to the men, women, and children of Hope Rescue Mission and Lighthouse. These organizations provide year-round shelter and meals in our community to those in need. Our Team helps by preparing, delivering, and serving meals to these organizations monthly.

Mike Stephens, 717-600-7422, mike@skcoinc.com

203 Little Acts of Love

Join Little Acts of Love and put your faith into action by serving neighbors in need. Make a difference for low-income elderly and veteran homeowners through home repairs, clean-up projects, or by supporting events. However you serve, perhaps by volunteering at a project site, fundraising, or assisting an event committee, you'll help bring hope, dignity, and care to those who need it most.

Alice Moyer, 484-638-0573, alice@littleactsoflove.net

204 New Journey Community Outreach

NJCO provides a soup kitchen, food pantry, and clothing center to support individuals and families in need within our community. Our church partners with NJCO by preparing and serving a lunch meal on the first Thursday of each month. You're invited to be part of this meaningful outreach by joining the team to prepare the meal (8:30–10:30 AM) and/or serve the meal (10:30 AM–12:30 PM).

Shelley Bonk, 610-568-2122, shelley.bonk@gmail.com

205 **Opportunity House**

Opportunity House offers services that help improve the lives of children, adults, and families facing challenges to independence and well-being. Our team prepares meals at the church on Sundays and delivers them to Opportunity House, serving twice a month. You can sign up to serve as often as you'd like.

Seeking Leadership: Contact the Church Office if interested

206 **Prison Ministry**

Join a team that offers encouragement and support to incarcerated men and women in Berks County. We share the message of Jesus during worship services held on the 3rd and 5th Thursday mornings of each month.

Mary Davis, maryellendavis54@gmail.com

208 **Wilson Area Food Pantry**

In partnership with Helping Harvest and six local churches, our Community Center always serves as a food distribution site on every third Friday of each month. Setup takes place on Thursday, and we invite you to join our team—whether by helping with setup or distributing food to our neighbors in need.

*Nancy Poole, 610-678-5537, grandmapoole4@gmail.com
Art Salyards, 610-914-8074, jjas1998@aol.com*





CONGREGATIONAL CARE

301 Visitation Team

Our team offers a loving and encouraging presence to those unable to gather at church due to physical limitations. We regularly visit our brothers and sisters in Christ in their homes, nursing homes, and retirement communities, bringing comfort and connection.

Pastor Pat Goshert, x403, pgoshert@westlawnumc.org

303 Funeral Hospitality Team

Our team serves families with care and compassion during a difficult time by helping to set up refreshments, serve meals, and offer baked goods for funeral or memorial service luncheons. It's a simple but meaningful way to share love and support when it's needed most.

*Debbie Schartel, 610-468-3147, firengr@comcast.net
Janet Behrenshausen, 484-332-3679, janetbehr@gmail.com*

304 GriefShare Facilitator

GriefShare is a 13-week support group helping individuals rebuild their lives after losing a loved one. Offered multiple times a year, the groups are led by trained facilitators from our church who have experienced grief themselves. If you feel called to help others, we invite you to join the team as a facilitator and support those on their healing journey.

Pastor Pat Goshert, x403, pgoshert@westlawnumc.org

306 Meals for New Parents Team

Be part of supporting families with newborns by preparing and delivering dinners to their home as they settle in after mother and baby return from the hospital.

Elissa Arzuaga, 610-637-8616, earzuaga04@gmail.com

307 Meals for Recovery & Care Team

Caring for others by providing food is a key teaching of Jesus. Our team helps families by preparing and delivering meals to those recovering from hospitalization or anyone in need of dinner assistance at home, no matter the reason.

Carolyn Weller, 610-987-3844, ckerrweller@gmail.com

308 Prayer Team

Our team believes in the power of prayer and is committed to praying for and with others. One way we serve is by offering prayer in the "Prayer Well" room during West Lawn Wednesdays. We also bless our church by hosting prayer-related activities throughout the year, nurturing a strong spirit of intercession and support.

Pastor Pat Goshert, x403, pgoshert@westlawnnumc.org

309 Stephen Minister

Stephen Ministers are trained members of our congregation who provide one-to-one, confidential care to those going through a difficult time. They share a deep passion for bringing Christ's love and compassion to others in their time of need. If you feel called to this ministry, we invite you to join the team and make a lasting impact on those in need of care and support.

Pastor Pat Goshert, x403, pgoshert@westlawnnumc.org

310 Caring for the Caregiver

As part of our Caring Ministries, we not only support those in need but also care for the caregivers themselves. Our goal is to surround caregivers with a community of support, provide opportunities for rest and renewal, and offer meaningful fellowship and discipleship programs to sustain them in their journey.

Pastor Pat Goshert, x403, pgoshert@westlawnnumc.org

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT

401 Bible Study Facilitator

Bible study facilitators help lead others in deepening their faith through Scripture and guided curriculum. Facilitators may lead independently or as part of a team, using prepared materials. Studies take place on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

John Magee, 610-741-5563, jmagee3113@comcast.net

402 Men's Ministry Planning Team

All men are invited to help plan and organize (then participate) in events and programs that help men connect with God and grow in relationships through faith, fellowship, food, and fun.

Pastor Chris Hardy, x402, chris@westlawnumc.org

403 Women's Ministry Planning Team

Women's Ministry provides a space for friendship, support, and shared mission. All women are invited to join by helping plan, organize, or participate in events throughout the year.

Kelly Rismiller, x301, kelly@westlawnumc.org



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501 Audio/Visual Tech Team

Our Tech Team enhances the worship experience at all three Sunday services through the use of technology. No prior experience is needed—we'll train you to operate the sound board, camera, Livestream equipment, and graphic display monitor. You can volunteer once a month or as often as you'd like!

Nick Galan, nickgalan@westlawnumc.org



502 Visitor Follow-Up Team

Our team prepares thoughtful gifts, delivers fresh bread, and follows up with a personal phone call to first-time guests—simple yet meaningful ways we share the love of Christ and warmly invite them back to WLUMC.

Kathy Ballick, 484-721-2901, kballick@comcast.net

503 Communion Team

As part of our Communion Team, you can choose to prepare the elements and/or serve the Sacrament during worship. Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month, as well as on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve.

8 AM: *Carol Lochman, 610-301-9595*

9:30 AM: *Dan Allan, 610-804-7739, danallan194903@gmail.com*

11 AM: *Terrie Jenkins, 610-914-9263, trinity7090@aol.com*

504 Welcome Center Team

The Welcome Center team, located in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, provides assistance and information to both congregation members and visitors. Join this team to distribute literature, help members sign up for events, hand out visitor gifts, and be a warm, welcoming presence.

Kelly Rismiller, x301, kelly@westlawnumc.org

505 Safety Team

Our Safety Team helps ensure a secure environment on campus, especially during Sunday worship services. Team members are trained to respond to emergencies and assess whether professional assistance—such as ambulance, fire, or police—is needed.

Joe Marsden, 610-698-8075, joe_marsden@comcast.net

506 Scripture Reader

During our 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM worship services, congregation members have the opportunity to read Scripture before the pastor's message. If you enjoy reading aloud and sharing God's Word, we invite you to join this meaningful ministry and take part in leading worship.

8 AM: *Ann Fisher, 610-655-7633, bannfisher66@comcast.net*

11 AM: *Karen Garverich, 717-344-1133, kgarverich203@comcast.net*

507 Sunday Morning Hospitality Team

Outside or inside, a rotating team of Sunday morning hosts creates a warm, welcoming space for our church family to connect over coffee, snacks, and fellowship. Hosting runs from 8:50 to 11:15 AM.

Kelly Rismiller, x301, kelly@westlawnumc.org

508 Sunday Morning Breakfast Team

From November through March, we offer a pancake breakfast every Sunday morning in the Community Center, between worship services, for our congregation and community. All are invited to join this team to set up, prepare, serve, and clean up as we enjoy fellowship and community—with a side of pancakes, sausage, coffee, and donut holes!

Kelly Rismiller, x301, kelly@westlawnumc.org



509 Greeter

On Sunday mornings, a team of friendly greeters welcome visitors and members as they arrive at West Lawn, both around the parking lot and inside the sanctuary. Join this important hospitality team on a rotating basis to help make everyone feel at home.

8 AM: *Wendy Wisniewski, 610-468-5203, markski2307@comcast.net*

9:30 AM: *Beth Ebling, 610-777-5431, fourebs@comcast.net*

11 AM: *Terrie Jenkins, 610-914-9263, trinity7090@aol.com*

510 Usher

Each Sunday, a team of ushers receives the offering during the worship services. Sign up to join this important rotating team and serve in this meaningful way.

8 AM: *Carol Lochman, 610-301-9595*

9:30 AM: *Beth Ebling, 610-777-5431, fourebs@comcast.net*

11 AM: *Terrie Jenkins, 610-914-9263, trinity7090@aol.com*

MUSIC

601 Adult Choir

Our Choir sings at our traditional services from September through June. Rehearsals are typically on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. While the ability to read music is helpful, it's not required. Those unable to commit to the full season are welcome to join for special times like Christmas and Easter.

Christopher Rodgers, x601, christopher@westlawnumc.org



602 Handbell Choirs

Our handbell choirs welcome anyone eager to make music and a joyful noise to the Lord! If you can hold a bell and count to four, you're off to a great start—everything else can be learned. We rehearse weekly and play once a month in traditional worship at 8 & 11 AM.

Diane Soper, 732-300-7674, handbells@westlawnumc.org



603 Instrumentalist

Instrumentalists are invited to share their gifts through solos or ensembles in worship. A variety of styles is welcome, with piano or organ accompaniment available.

Christopher Rodgers, x601, christopher@westlawnumc.org

604 Vocalist

Vocalists share their musical gifts in worship through solos or ensembles. Piano or organ accompaniment is available, and vocalists are scheduled in advance to allow time to prepare. All are encouraged to share their talents.

Christopher Rodgers, x601, christopher@westlawnumc.org

605 Worship Team

The Worship Team leads music for the 9:30 AM contemporary service, helping create an uplifting worship experience. The team rehearses Thursday evenings, preparing musically while also building friendships and growing in faith together.

Jayme Raffauf, x602, jayme@westlawnumc.org



606 Children's Choir

The Children's Choir brings energy, joy, and youthful spirit to our worship services. Rehearsals are Sundays from 9:00-9:30 AM. We're always grateful for extra support, whether on piano, with visual posters, or assisting with instruments. If you'd like to be part of this meaningful ministry, we'd love to have you join the team.

Preston Knauer, 610-349-8603, PrestonKnauer@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

701 Children's Sunday Evening Ministry Team

Sunday evening ministry team members help create a welcoming space where kids can connect, have fun, and ask questions. Kids Club (grades 2-3) leaders support games, activities, creative projects, and Bible lessons that help kids connect faith to everyday life. Tween Group (grades 4-5) leaders build relationships through games, food, conversation, and encouragement as students explore faith and daily life.

Stephanie Serfass, x502, stephanie@westlawnumc.org



702 Sunday Morning Nursery

Our Sunday morning nursery team partners with paid childcare staff to provide a safe, caring, and nurturing environment for babies and toddlers (ages 2 and under) during worship. As with all children's ministry roles, team members complete Safe Sanctuaries training and background screening. In this role, you'll help care for our littlest ones through comfort, play, and attentive supervision, so parents can worship with confidence.

Stephanie Serfass, x502, stephanie@westlawnumc.org

how will you serve?

703 **Preschool Volunteer**

You can support our preschoolers by volunteering during special events throughout the school year and summer camps. Opportunities are scheduled on a rotating basis. Volunteers must have up-to-date clearances (PA Criminal History & PA Child Abuse) - both are free for volunteers.

Elise Coakley, x701, elise@westlawnumc.org



704 **Safe Haven Lighthouse Volunteer**

Safe Haven Lighthouse is an after-school program held on Wednesdays during the school year, offering a safe and supportive environment for children to learn and grow. Through snacks, games, homework help, crafts, and Bible lessons, the program supports children academically, socially, and spiritually.

Lori Madara, 484-332-1582, lmadara835@gmail.com



705 Children's Sunday School Volunteer

As a Sunday School volunteer, you play a key role in bringing each week's lesson to life for children in a specific age group or classroom. All curriculum, materials, and activities are prepared in advance—your role is to lead and deliver the lesson in a way that is engaging, welcoming, and age-appropriate. No lesson planning is required—just a willingness to show up, connect with kids, and help make each Sunday meaningful and fun.

Stephanie Serfass, x502, stephanie@westlawnumc.org

708 Vacation Bible School Team

Vacation Bible School is a four-day summer experience where children from across the community gather for a fun, faith-filled week of learning, activities, and connection. Supported by a large team of volunteers, VBS offers an engaging environment filled with creativity, laughter, and opportunities for spiritual growth. June 9-11, 2026

Stephanie Serfass, x502, stephanie@westlawnumc.org



709 Kids Ministry Big Event Team

Throughout the year, children's ministry offers "Big Events" that serve as community outreach and engagement opportunities for local families. As a Big Event Team member, you would help with the prep and execution of these events by preparing materials and giveaways for distribution and/or by serving or helping recruit friends to serve during the event.

Stephanie Serfass, x502, stephanie@westlawnumc.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

801 Confirmation Class Teacher

Help guide our 8th graders as they explore what it means to follow Jesus and become active members of the body of Christ. This discipleship program runs during the school year and involves a commitment of about one Sunday a month and one weekend retreat per year. It's a powerful way to invest in the faith of the next generation.

Trisha Rabold, x501, trisha@westlawnumc.org



802 Confirmation Mentor

You can play a meaningful role in the spiritual journey of one of our youth by becoming a mentor. You'll be paired with a student and meet once a month (September–April) on a schedule that works for both of you. Using a guided, conversational series of lessons, you'll have the opportunity to grow in faith together—deepening their relationship with God and enriching your own along the way.

Trisha Rabold, x501, trisha@westlawnumc.org

how will you serve?

803 Youth Sunday School Teacher

The 6th & 7th grade Sunday school class follows a two-year cycle, exploring key themes and characters from both the Old and New Testaments. Through games, scripture reading, and meaningful discussions, students learn how these ancient stories connect with their lives today. Volunteers can commit to serving once or twice a month or year-round, helping guide and nurture young faith.

Trisha Rabold, x501, trisha@westlawnumc.org

804 Youth Event Support

It's the special events that make our youth program truly memorable! Whether it's preparing and serving food at a local shelter, tackling a neighbor's yard project, or helping at the Youth Auction, these moments wouldn't be possible without our behind-the-scenes team. If you'd love to support our youth but prefer a more low-key or occasional role, this is the perfect fit for you!

Trisha Rabold, x501, trisha@westlawnumc.org



805 Youth Group Leader

Do you enjoy laughing, eating, and listening? Join us three Sundays a month from 5:30–8:00 PM, September through May, as we walk alongside teens on their journey of faith. No need to lead anything right away—just come, be present, and share life with students as they explore what it means to follow Jesus in today's world.

Trisha Rabold, x501, trisha@westlawnumc.org

CHURCH SUPPORT

901 Christmas Decorating Team

In just one day, our team brings the joy of Christmas to life by decorating the church campus for the season. After the holidays, we come together again to carefully take down and store the decorations for next year. It's a fun and meaningful way to celebrate and serve!

Ryan Kairis, 484-678-8992, rkcolorado@comcast.net



902 Clerical Volunteer

Support our office staff by volunteering to help with bulk mailings —tasks may include stuffing envelopes, affixing labels, and sealing items for delivery to the post office. You can serve monthly, quarterly, or on an as-needed basis, depending on your availability.

Sally Brown, x101, sally@westlawnumc.org

903 Sunday Night Safety Team

The Sunday Night Safety Team plays a vital role in creating a safe and secure environment during our Sunday evening kids and youth programs. Team members help protect students in grades 2–12 by assisting with street crossings, monitoring the building, and being prepared to respond to emergencies as needed.

Trisha Rabold, x501, trisha@westlawnumc.org

904 Security Team

Each night, after all activities have ended and the campus is closed, a member of our Security Team walks through the buildings and grounds to make sure everything is secure. Team members check doors and windows, look for potential hazards, and report anything needing attention. This quiet but essential role helps keep our campus safe, secure, and well cared for.

Dave Haas, x901, david@westlawnumc.org

906 Sunday School Attendance Team

Are you available during the 9:30 AM hour on Sundays? Join our team to help support our Sunday school ministries by walking to each children's and adult class to record attendance and collect the offering. It's a simple way to serve that makes a big difference!

Stephanie Serfass, x502, stephanie@westlawnumc.org

907 Driver Team

Our team receives training from a certified driving instructor in how to operate all our church vehicles properly and safely – passenger van, pickup truck, minibus. Our team offers vital support to other ministries by providing safe and reliable transportation.

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