

YOU'RE WELCOME HERE

Not Today, Satan.

WHEN ENOUGH IS ENOUGH



WEST LAWN UMC
AUGUST 16, 2026

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

TRADITIONAL ORDER OF WORSHIP (8AM & 11AM)

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN (UMH #374 - "Standing on the Promises")

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN (UMH #473 - "Lead Me, Lord")

OFFERTORY

Chris Rodgers - Piano (8AM & 11AM)

Handbell Trio (8AM & 11AM)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Joel Raney)

SCRIPTURE James 1:12-18 (NLT)

HYMN (TFWS #2105 - "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert")

"Not Today, Satan: Deceived" Pastor Chris Hardy

HYMN (UMH #368 - "My Hope Is Built")

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (9:30AM)

Worship Team
Jayme Raffauf, Director

"Not Afraid"

(Jesus Culture)

"Holy Forever"

(Chris Tomlin)

"Run To The Father"

(The Worship Initiative)

"Faithful To The End"

(Bethel Music)

"Good Grace"

(Hillsong United)

WORSHIP LEADER:

Pastor Tom Ebersole

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.

New Visitors: Bring your "Visitor Card" (found in the pew racks) to the Welcome Center to trade in for a gift!



At our Welcome Center:

- Prayer Page
- Monthly Newsletter
- Announcement Flyers
- Information on Classes and Groups

Looking For:

- A Seat in Worship
- Nursery
- Classrooms
- Mother's Nursing Room
- Prayer Room
- Restrooms

Greeters are happy to help you.



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OUR PRAYERS

Healing

- Healing from cancer; strength and courage for the fight
- Recognition, commitment, recovery from addiction
- Peace and healing from mental and physical illness
- Those impacted by accidents and falls
- Family members affected by death and illness

Encouragement & Support

- Safe, healthy pregnancies and deliveries
- Homeless, abused, hungry people and animals
- Those waiting for: diagnosis, biopsy, treatment, surgery
- For all to have a stronger and trusting connection with God
- Discernment and healing for broken family communication
- College students returning to campus and/or going away for the first time
- Workplace resolutions

Praise & Gratitude

- For our many blessings
- Good medical news
- Thankful for our parents

The World

- Leaders of the world and safety for our armed forces and their families
- Safety for law enforcement officers
- Peace and safety for all
- Those impacted by the wildfires

We Keep in Our Prayers

Names are updated weekly based on prayer cards, online submissions, and updates shared with our staff.

Aidan and Kaylee, Amy, Bill, Bob, Craig, Dan, Eileen, Hannah, Joan, Kim, Laila, Louise, Manga family, Megan, Pauline, Phyllis, Wayne

How to Engage with WLUMC Prayer Ministries:



WEBSITE

Under the WORSHIP/PRAYER REQUEST tab



APP

Under the GET CARE/PRAYER tab



CALL PRAYER CHAIN

Mabel Reighley/610-678-5141



TEXT PRAYER CHAIN

Dan Allan/610-804-7739

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

KIDS' MINISTRY LEADER TRAINING

Sunday, August 23, 8:45-9:15AM

All current and new Kids Ministry servants are encouraged to attend our annual training as we prepare for the new ministry year. We'll welcome new team members, review ministry guidelines, share program updates, and discuss best practices for creating a safe, consistent, and encouraging environment for children and families.

SECOND ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

Saturday, August 22, 10:30AM-1PM

Stephanie Serfass

stephanie@westlawnumc.org

Join West Lawn UMC and our community partners as we help students start the school year with confidence by providing free school supplies, backpacks, and haircuts/hairstyles.

There are many ways to get involved! Volunteer with Kids Ministry to welcome families, distribute giveaways, assist with activities, or bring your own family to enjoy the event.

For more information, contact Steph.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Join our church directory to stay in contact with all members of the church! Instant Church Directory is an interactive app that allows you to directly text, call, or email someone from their profile. To access and join the directory, visit instantchurchdirectory.com, then download the app and enter your email on file.

YOUTH: MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, August 16, 5:30-8:30PM

Reading City Church

Summer Youth Group Night-Movie Night Edition! We will be meeting at Reading City Church in their movie room for this special Summer Youth Group. There will be snacks of course, and we will vote for the movie choice at RCC. See you there!

HELP BUILD HOPE

Charlie Soper/732-300-7410

csoper58@gmail.com

Next Build: September 11-12

Help Build Hope is back for another year this fall. Join us for a weekend where we will build the frame structure of a small house that will be given to a deserving family in Berks County to achieve affordable home ownership. For more information or to get involved, contact Charlie.

STAY CONNECTED

Stay connected to all events and programs at WLUMC by visiting our website, downloading our app, and visiting our social media pages on Facebook (West Lawn United Methodist Church) and Instagram ([westlawnumc](https://www.instagram.com/westlawnumc)).

KIDS CHOIR INFORMATION MEETING

Sunday, August 30, 9-9:15AM

Children in kindergarten–6th grade and their parents are invited to meet Kids Choir director Preston Knauer and learn about our new Kids Choir ministry. The meeting will be held in the Music Room (below the sanctuary, past HeBrews Café).

STEP UP SUNDAY

Sunday, August 30

Children will move to their new Sunday School classrooms for the 2026–2027 school year. Children who have recently turned 3 are invited to transition from the Nursery to our preschool Sunday School classes. We look forward to welcoming everyone for a new year of learning and growing together!

Room Assignments:

- Age 3—202
- Age 4—203
- Age 5/K—204
- Grade 1—206
- Grade 2—208
- Grade 3—210
- Grades 4–5—207–209

EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY

Susan Swavely
EAFF Volunteer Coordinator
eaffvolunteers@gmail.com

On August 20-21, the Exeter Area Food Pantry is in need of volunteers, including bilingual helpers. The pantry operates on the third Friday of the month from 12:45-6:30 PM, with setup the day before from 8-11 AM. Contact Susan to sign up for a time shift.

Interested in
placing flowers
on the altar?



Contact the office for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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| Aug 16 | Youth Group Movie Night |
| Aug 22 | Back to School Backpack Event |
| Aug 23 | Kids' Ministry Leader Training |
| Aug 30 | Kids Choir Information Meeting |
| Aug 30 | Sunday School Step Up Sunday |
| September 11-12 | Help Build Hope |

2026 SUMMARY as of 8/16/2026

In-Person Worship	354
Online Worship	109
Sunday School	72
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$28,490
Monthly Income to Date	\$56,821
Monthly Income Goal	\$135,705
Budget Income to Date	\$776,087
Budget Goal (12 months)	\$1,411,340

PASTORS

Tom Ebersole - Lead Pastor
Chris Hardy - Associate Pastor
Pat Goshert - Congregational Care
Sherry Lantz - Visitation Pastor
Nick Camacho - Spanish Ministries



2ND ANNUAL

BACK 2 SCHOOL EVENT

AUGUST 22, 10:30AM-1PM

GIVING AWAY FREE

- ★ BACKPACKS
 - ★ SCHOOL SUPPLIES
 - ★ HAIRCUTS & HAIRSTYLES
 - ★ HYGIENE PRODUCTS
 - ★ BLANKETS & BOXED FOOD
- FROM LOCAL HARVEST



HERE AT WEST LAWN CHURCH!

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

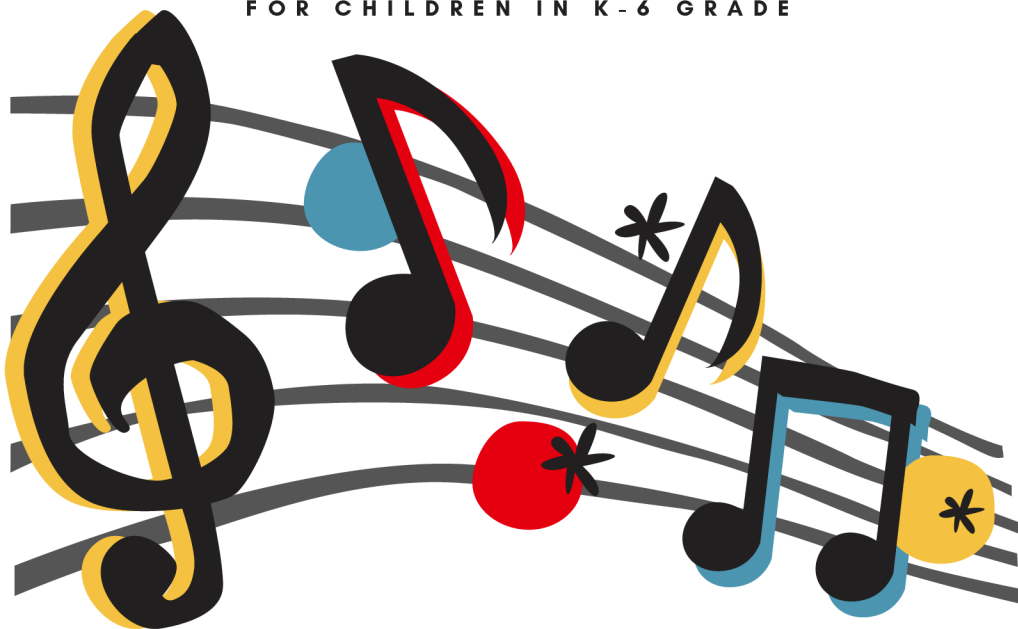
THEN2NOW FOUNDATION, LORD & LADIES SALON,
WHISKERS BARBER SHOP, THE LONNIE WALKER
FOUNDATION, AND SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK

QUESTIONS? WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

CONTACT STEPH SERFASS STEPHANIE@WESTLAWNUMC.ORG

KIDS CHOIR

FOR CHILDREN IN K - 6 GRADE



DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE AN INTEREST IN MUSIC?

West Lawn UMC is excited to launch a Kids Choir this fall for children in kindergarten through 6th grade, led by Preston Knauer!

If you'd like to learn more, join us for a brief informational meeting and meet-and-greet on **Sunday, August 30, from 9:00-9:15 AM** in the Music Room (located below the sanctuary, past HeBrews Café).

The Kids Choir is tentatively scheduled to rehearse each Sunday from 8:30-9:15 AM in the Music Room.

Parents can register their child at the August 30 meeting or through the church app or website.

QUESTIONS? STEPH SERFASS
STEPHANIE@WESTLAWNUMC.ORG

SIGN UP HERE!

