



WEST LAWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# CrossRoads

December 2023

Monthly Newsletter

We hope that you will join us in praise and celebration of our Savior's birth at one of the following Christmas Eve services this year. Whether you are local or traveling, in church or at home, have a wonderfully blessed Christmas!

### **"Longest Night" Candlelight Service**

On *December 21st at 7:00 pm*, we will offer a service of remembrance and hope for those who find rejoicing difficult this year, led by Pastor Pat. (see page 7).

### **December 24 Christmas Eve Services**

**11:00 AM**– *Children & Family Service* held in the Sanctuary featuring stories, singing, and interactive participation, all in a child-friendly, informal setting.

**3:00 PM**– *Traditional Candlelight Service* with carols, scripture, choir and candle lighting, and Pastor Tom bringing the message.

**5:00 PM**– *Contemporary Candlelight Service* with our Praise Band, carols, scripture, and candle lighting, and Pastor Tom bringing the message.

**7:00 PM**– *Traditional Candlelight Service* with carols, scripture, soloists, candle lighting, and Pastor Tom bringing the message.

**9:00 PM**– *Traditional Candlelight Service* with carols, scripture, soloists, candle lighting, and Pastor Tom bringing the message.

There will be no Sunday morning services on Christmas Eve, and no Christmas Dawn service on Christmas Day this year.

*All services will be live streamed on our website/app: [www.westlawnumc.org](http://www.westlawnumc.org) or on YouTube.*

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Services



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Dear West Lawn Family,

If you have ever visited San Francisco you have probably looked across the bay and seen that famous prison, Alcatraz, sitting on a rock in the middle of the water. When you tour Alcatraz the guide talks as he takes tourists past barred windows down concrete hallways to a cell used for solitary confinement. After the group enters the cell, standing shoulder to shoulder, the guide closes the door to the cell and all light is gone.

What seems like minutes in the dark is actually just a few seconds. Everyone waits expectantly, quietly, surprised by the absence of light.

When the door finally opens, the light pours in, and people smile. Then for the first time on the tour people actually look at each other. Nervous laughter masks the relief to be back in the light. It's amazing how solitary that confinement can be, even with other people standing right next to you. The light makes all the difference in the world.

If you want to see what Jesus means in your life, just imagine a time without him. Have you ever had that time in your life? A time before Jesus existed for you? A time before you knew about the light of the world? Was it as dark as Alcatraz style solitary confinement, even though there were other people around?

Imagine a time before Jesus was born. Where was the hope for the world? Where was the joy? Where was the focus on love and forgiveness? There really was a time before Jesus, a time when the world was waiting, expecting, and hoping.

Each year during Advent we wait and expect and hope for the coming of Jesus while much of the world around us remains in the dark. For many, the Christmas holiday means shopping and decorating without a hint of the baby Jesus.

As Christians, the center of our holiday season is the light of the world, an infant King, bringing peace. Take a moment and consider: What are the ways you will choose to focus on Jesus this season? How will you grow in your knowledge of him? How will you show those around you the difference he has made to you and to the world? Why not invite others to be part of your Christmas and help them grow as well? Have a joy-filled Christmas season.

Waiting, Expecting, Hoping,

*Pastor Tom*



## Provide a Warm Welcome

During the Advent and Christmas season, our church has the opportunity to welcome many visitors. Some are traveling a long way and visiting their families, others may be looking for a permanent place of worship and some may be stopping in for a Christmas Eve service to experience church for the very first time. Let us open our doors and our hearts to those who come.

The staff and the pastors need your help in the areas of greeting, ushering, cleaning-up between services, dispersing candles, refreshments, and more. Please prayerfully consider joining our hospitality team this Christmas season and help us to make everyone's visit at West Lawn memorable! *Whoever welcomes others, welcomes ME. -Mark 9:37.* When we welcome others, we join God in welcoming them.

### Christmas Eve Servant Signup

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Welcome Center Greeters** (*arrive 30-40 minutes before services*)

Dec. 24: 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 3 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 5 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 7 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 9 pm. \_\_\_\_\_

**Facilities Support** (*straightening of Sanctuary, vacuum, clean up trash, and refresh candles after each service*)

Dec. 24: after 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ after 3 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ after 5 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ after 7 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ after 9 pm. \_\_\_\_\_

**Receptionist** (*answer the church office phone*)

Dec. 24th 1-3 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 3-5 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 5-7 pm. \_\_\_\_\_

**Greeters** (*arrive 40 minutes before services, greet worshipers at the door and in the narthex, hand out bulletins and candles*)

Dec. 21 7 pm. \_\_\_\_\_

Dec. 24: 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 3 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 5 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 7 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 9 pm. \_\_\_\_\_

**Parking Lot Greeters** (*arrive 50 minutes before services, greet worshipers and direct people to the sanctuary & nursery*)

Dec. 24: 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 3 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 5 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 7 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 9 pm. \_\_\_\_\_

**Ushers** (*arrive 30 minutes before services, collect offering, light aisle candles and worshipers' candles*)

Dec. 21 7 pm. \_\_\_\_\_

Dec. 24: 3 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 5 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 7 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 9 pm. \_\_\_\_\_

**Security Team**

Dec. 21: 7 pm. \_\_\_\_\_

Dec. 24: 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 3 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 5 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 7 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 9 pm. \_\_\_\_\_

**Nursery** (*arrive 30 minutes before services, provide childcare in our nursery*)

Dec. 24: : 11 am \_\_\_\_\_ 3 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 5 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 7 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ 9 pm. \_\_\_\_\_

**Refreshments** (*provide hot/ cold food and beverages for the staff, musicians and servants*)

Dec. 24: Food drop off: 3-4 pm. \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for offering to serve as we celebrate our Savior's birth. You will be contacted to confirm your offer.  
Please place this form in the offering plate or return it to the Church office.

*You're invited to  
Pork & Sauerkraut  
Dinner & Takeout!  
Monday, January 1, 2024  
from 12:00 PM—3:00 PM  
at the Raffauf Community Center.*

*(takeout available from  
11:30 am—3:00 PM)*



*Pork & Sauerkraut plus  
"all the trimmings"  
Adults—\$12  
Children 12 &  
under—\$6*



United  
Women  
in Faith

Join United Women  
in Faith for our  
fellowship on

**Tuesday,  
December 19th  
at 11:30AM in  
Hebrews Café**

as we share about Christmas celebrations and songs from around the world. Bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies with copies of the recipe for our cookie exchange. Your light lunch will allow us to taste the variety of cookies.

Thanks to all who participated in the Thanksgiving Eve worship on Nov. 22.

The anticipation of Advent is preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

## Personal Discipleship: Let Jesus Be Your Guide

by Crystal Caviness

Discipleship. Though the word shows up a lot in church settings, knowing exactly what it means and, perhaps more importantly, what it looks like for our personal faith, may be harder to define. The United Methodist Church's mission statement extols us to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." The outward-facing disciple-making is one thing; becoming a disciple is another.

For many, personal discipleship may include digging in to a rigorous routine of Bible study, praying fervently and attending church often. Jesus modeled a different path. Defining 'discipleship' without the word 'disciple' "Personal discipleship is about more than Christian ed and attending Sunday school," says the Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye, pastor of Mercy and Justice at West End United Methodist Church. "The concept of being a disciple is following and patterning. It's almost like an apprenticeship, the act of following Jesus."

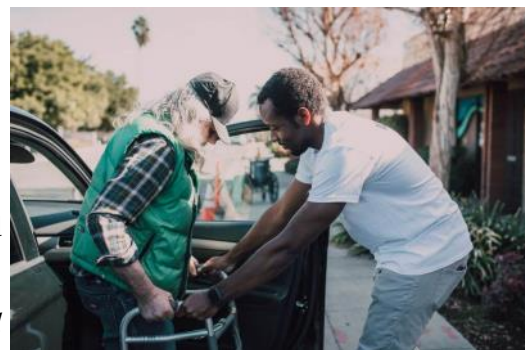
Not surprisingly, Jesus showed us how to be a disciple through his day-to-day activities of mingling with and advocating for marginalized communities, extending kindness to others and looking at the world through a lens of love. The scriptural accounts of Jesus being outside the church walls far outnumber those verses where Jesus is inside. Scripture continually tells us to be out in the community doing God's work, Jesus, in the Gospel of Mark, is out feeding, healing, teaching.

A personal journey of discipleship is less about a checklist of what to do and what not to do and more of an abiding in Christ and an abiding in the Spirit. Ask yourself these questions to assess the state of your relationship with God:

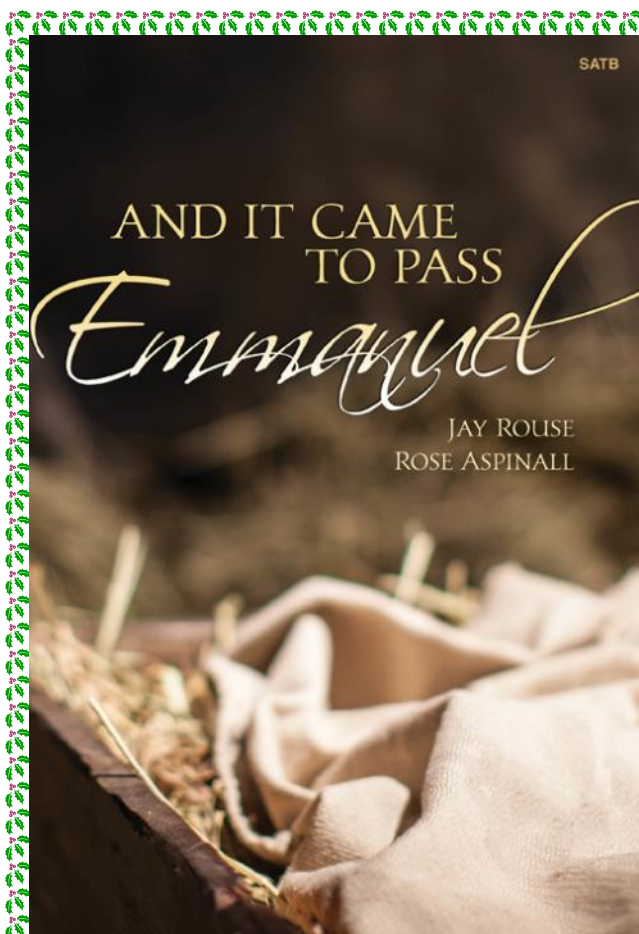
What did I do right today?  
Where are the areas where I could do better?  
Where did I not love my neighbor, not love God, not love myself?  
Where did I do well loving God?  
Where did I do well loving my neighbor?  
Where did I go to those places where Jesus would go?

The transformation of the world starts in our own ways of thinking and in our own hearts.

To read the entire article, visit <https://www.umc.org/en/content/personal-discipleship-let-jesus-be-your-guide>.







Sunday, December 17th  
**Christmas Cantata**  
 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

This year's Christmas Cantata will be featured at Sunday Worship Services on December 17 at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Join us for a morning filled with special music as part of our worship services with scripture readings and a special sermon from Pastor Tom.

The cantata will feature Jay Rouse and Rose Aspinall's *And It Came to Pass, Emmanuel*: A compelling musical triumph that invites the listener on a journey that ultimately leads to worship of the Christ Child. With a little something for everyone, this creative work is sure to be an important part of your Christmas season.



At the heart of the West Lawn United Methodist Church is a strong desire to reach out to the community and show God's love by providing food, shelter and support where needed both locally and globally. Did you know that over the past 11 years the people of this faith community have given **\$859,653.64** to reach Reading, help build more than a dozen homes in Haiti, Peru and El Salvador, and make a difference in the world?

Inspired by Mike Slaughter's book, *A Different Kind of Christmas*, we introduced this missional opportunity in 2012. Since then, we have fed street children in Port-au-Prince through UMCOR's hot lunch program, purchased 50 new beds for relocated homeless in Reading, and assisted the church in Magambua, Tanzania providing famine relief.

We have fed the hungry & clothed those in need through New Journey Community Outreach, funded shelter ministries at Hope Rescue Mission, Opportunity House and City Light Ministries. We support Little Acts of Love and provide vital support for the homeless through Family Promise and Hannah's Hope. All of this and more has been done in the name of Jesus Christ *thanks to your generous giving*.

Please look for a letter to arrive in early December with our invitation for you to share in this year's Christmas offering. Who knows what God may do if we trust Him with all we are and all we have. Thank you for your past gifts to our Christmas Miracle Offering, and for your prayerful consideration in 2023.

## 2023 Year to Date



|                       | YTD Actual     | YTD Budget     | Variance       |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>       | \$1,092,028.00 | \$1,239,559.00 | (\$147,531.00) |
|                       |                |                |                |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>       | \$1,228,158.00 | \$1,271,982.00 | (\$43,824.00)  |
|                       |                |                |                |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | (\$136,130.00) | (\$32,423.00)  | (\$103,707.00) |

Children's Ministry groups continue to meet this month on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday nights! Refer to the West Lawn App for more details on the November programs, or contact Kelly Rismiller at 610-507-9141, [kelly@westlawnmc.org](mailto:kelly@westlawnmc.org).

**Kids Club (Grades 2-3)**

Sunday Nights: 6:00-7:30 PM

December 3

December 17

**Tween Group (Grades 4-5)**

Sunday Nights: 6:00-7:30 PM

December 3

December 17

**Kids Stay and Play**

Tuesday Nights: 6:30-8:00 PM

Thursday Nights: 7:00-9:00 PM

**Stay & Play+** with Kelly & Laurie will take place on December 19**WLUMC**
**Children & Family**  
**MINISTRIES**
**WLW NOVEMBER MENU****Dinners include vegetables, salad, beverages, and dessert**

- Dec. 6** Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roasted Potatoes\*\*\*
- Dec. 13** Shepherd's Pie\*\*
- Dec. 20** Christmas Meal: Shrimp Skewer, Salisbury Steak, PA Dutch Stuffing\*
- Dec. 28** No WLW
- Jan. 1** New Year's Day – Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

**Kid's Meal:      Pizza\*      Hot Dog\*\*      Cheeseburger\*\*\***

**\$12 per person      \$6 for children 6-10**  
**Children under 5 are free**

A SERVICE OF LIGHT, COMFORT, AND HOPE

the light shines in the darkness

# the Longest Night

Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm

For many of us, Christmas is a bittersweet time of year. It is a time for remembering both people and events that have been a part of our lives in the past, but are now changed or gone.

This is the time of year with the longest nights, so at this time we offer a quiet, meditative worship service that makes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Join us on Thursday, December 21, at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary for a time of special music, scripture, silent reflection, healing prayer, and communion.

## 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.**

GRIEF SHARE<sup>®</sup> **LOSS OF A  
SPOUSE**

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 from 6:30-8:00 PM  
Education Bldg., Room 110

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 from 2:00-4:00 PM  
Education Bldg., Room 109

GriefShare<sup>®</sup>

## Grief Support Group

*Help and encouragement  
after the death of a loved one*

At a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us!

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 PM  
January 9 through April 2, 2024  
Education Bldg., Room 110

Wednesdays, 2:00-4:00 PM  
January 10 through April 3, 2024  
Education Bldg., Room 109

[griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**



Are you hurting?  
Going through a tough time?

Let us connect you to  
a Stephen Minister.

Contact Pastor Pat Goshert  
610-858-4839  
[pgoshert@westlawnumc.org](mailto:pgoshert@westlawnumc.org)





# Make-&-Take Evergreen Angels

Sunday, December 17  
10:00 AM

Raffauf Community Center

Between the two Cantata services, and after  
Sunday School on December 17, the entire  
congregation is invited to make a  
**FRESH EVERGREEN ANGEL.**

Join us in the Community Center where  
we will embellish foam cones with tree  
branches, berries, acorns and more to  
make a tabletop decoration for our homes!  
All materials and supplies are provided.





## Wilson Area Food Pantry Needs

Holidays are coming - a time when people are more giving and also more in need. The demand is growing and the food from Helping Harvest that we order is becoming increasingly smaller in choices and amounts. We had a good volunteer turn out of 38 people last month and we thank all who helped. We had a total registered 115 families, but 107 came totaling 386 for October. Note there is always an increase in the number of families in need for November and December pantries.

Please consider volunteering some time if you are available the week December 14<sup>th</sup> for set -up (12:30 to 2:30) and December 15<sup>th</sup> for giving food out to our neighbors in need from 2:30 to 5. We can use ANY TIME YOU CAN GIVE!

The pantry needs donations of nonperishable food items. The pantry especially needs donations of:

1. Canned fruits
2. Canned vegetables
3. Pasta sauce or tomato sauce
4. Spaghetti
5. Canned meats especially canned tuna, spam, or chicken
6. Peanut butter

Bags will be made up on Thursdays because no boxes are coming, so extra help is needed to do this. Bags are made up from food donations from the six churches that support our pantry, so if people could bring two or three cans on a Sunday morning each week to share with their neighbors, it would be tremendously helpful. May God Bless you all with the heart of a true volunteer for God's service to others!

Thanks! Judy Romberger. Volunteer Coordinator, 610 678-2571



experience  
**CHRISTMAS**  
@ West Lawn  
United Methodist Church

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| 12/3  | <b>Communion Sunday</b>  |
| 12/10 | <b>Bell Choir @ 8 AM</b>   |
| 12/17 | <b>Cantata Sunday</b><br>two worship services only: 9 AM & 11 AM<br><b>Make-and-Take Evergreen Angels</b><br>10 AM Congregation-Wide Christmas Craft Event Plus Refreshments<br>Raffauf Community Center                       |
| 12/21 | <b>Longest Night Service</b><br>7 PM for those experiencing loss, grief, or pain, during the holiday season  |
| 12/24 | <b>Christmas Eve Services</b><br>11 AM <b>Children &amp; Family</b><br>3 PM <b>Traditional</b><br>5 PM <b>Contemporary</b><br>7 PM <b>Traditional</b><br>9 PM <b>Traditional</b><br>PM services are candlelight with Communion |
| 12/25 | <b>Christmas Day</b><br>MERRY CHRISTMAS! No worship service  |

### WOMEN'S



Women's Book Club will meet Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 7:00PM in the Community Center Conference Room to discuss *The Music of Bees* by Eileen Gravin. January's book is *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown.

**New readers** always welcome! Come join the discussion! To be added to the email list or for information please contact Donna Barnhart at [dmbhart2@gmail.com](mailto:dmbhart2@gmail.com) or 610-678-7873.



**Berks Connections/Pretrial Services Is Now . . .**



For almost 50 years, **Berks Connections/Pretrial Services (BCPS)** has been improving lives and creating safer, more prosperous communities by providing services, support, and reintegration to individuals involved in the justice system and to their families.

We realized it was time for a new identity – one that better represents who we are, what we do, and who we serve. Over the past year, we asked you, the community, to tell us what **BCPS** means to you – and we heard you.

We are now... **Connections Work.**

New name, new look – same depth and breadth of services.

## ANGEL TREE PARTY 2023

The Angel Tree Party returns to West Lawn UMC on Saturday, December 2 from 9–11 AM with clean up immediately following. Our guest will be greeted with crafts, refreshments and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Volunteers are needed Friday, December 1st at 6 PM as we begin by decorating the Community Center. This is also the time that we build 200 gingerbread houses. Come prepared to get messy! Christmas trees will need to be decorated with an assortment of plush toys in Santa's corner for the children.

Then, Saturday morning at 8:30 AM we get ready to greet our guests. We will need your help from traffic control to gingerbread house assistance and craft helper. Additional help is needed to clean up at 11 AM. Volunteer to help at <https://forms.gle/Ev1Bq2tz7jg86umd7> or contact Alice at 610-670-7633.

## Calling All Cookie Bakers!

Your homemade Christmas cookies have long been a favorite at the Angel Tree Party. Could you bake an extra batch of cookies for the party? Your donations can be dropped off during the week of November 26. Please be sure to label them "Angel Tree." Please sign up online at <https://forms.gle/Ev1Bq2tz7jg86umd7> or call Alice Moyer at 610-670-7633.



**Sunday / 3 PM ♦ Dec. 3, 2023**  
St. Lukes UCC, Lititz

**Saturday / 7 PM ♦ Dec. 9, 2023**  
First Presbyterian, Lancaster

**Sunday / 3 PM ♦ Dec. 10, 2023**  
Atonement Lutheran, Wyomissing

For More Information & Tickets:  
**WHEATLANDCHORALE.ORG**





# December 2023

Thank You...



Firehouse Youth



Youth Auction

## Confirmation Class 2024

The class has begun meeting with their mentors. Please pray that these relationships will develop a genuine and deep connection for each student and adult mentor.



## Firehouse Youth Dec 2023

(See App to register & for more details)

Dec 3rd- No 6&7th SS & No Confirmation Youth Group (is happening) 6-8pm

Dec 10th- 9:00am Confirmation 9:30- 6&7th SS Youth Group 6-8pm

Dec 17th- 9:30- 6&7th SS Youth Group Christmas Party 6-8pm

Dec 24th- No Youth events

Dec 31st- 9:30- 6&7th SS NO YOUTH GROUP

More info and youth event registration is available on the Church App or website... <https://westlawnumc.org/youth-group>.

For info, contact:

Youth Pastor

Trisha Rabold

610.678.5611 (O)

484.432.7808 (C)

[trisha@westlawnumc.org](mailto:trisha@westlawnumc.org)





Seeking someone to do laundry once every two weeks or so for a member of

our church who is unable to do it herself. This would be in the West Lawn-Sinking Spring area and the person would be paid for this service. If you are able to help or would like additional information, please contact the church office at 610-678-5611.

**What did Adam  
say the day  
before  
Christmas?**

**It's Christmas,  
Eve!**

## Poinsettia Orders

There's still time to order Christmas flowers to adorn our sanctuary for our Christmas Eve Services. Poinsettia order envelopes are available in the narthex at the Welcome Center and in the Education Bldg. Orders are due by December 3rd.



***Tina Krize***  
***“Circle of Love”***

## **Holiday Toy Drive**

November 29th to December 20th

Benefitting The Children's Home of Reading

Please bring a new toy or clothing for infants to 15 years old.

Gift cards and monetary donations are nice as well.

Gifts will be distributed by Christmas Eve  
by Tina's daughters, Nikki and Julie.

***In Honor of Tina, a faithful servant of  
our Kitchen Ministry,  
Befitting of her Loving and Giving personality.***

Thank you for your continued support of our  
West Lawn Wednesday dinners.

**Happy Holidays !!!**

# Our Newest Member

## PATRICIA FERENZ

Patricia grew up in Stowe and moved to Reading in the 80's, settling in Wyomissing in 2004. She is a busy mother of 9 adult children ranging in ages from 22-37. She and her children remain close and as the family has expanded with son and daughter-in-law's and now a grandson and a granddaughter on the way, she regards them all as a gift from God. Currently she is working as a Receiving Clerk and also helped run a home business in the past. As an amateur photographer, she enjoys going for walks and hikes around Berks County, often taking her camera. Coffee is her self-declared therapy and comfort food! Stars and the ocean remind her of God's greatness and glory. Patricia was drawn to West Lawn UMC by the church's involvement in the community and loves that the church understands that God and a relationship with him, isn't about what we have to do, but it's what we want to do to show our love and thankfulness to him. She says "Everyday is a gift from God. WLUMC has helped me come back to Him. I want to be a part of this church to give back to others and to Him." Welcome Patricia!



Kinsley Ray Moyer  
Baptized 11/12/2023  
Parents: Kyle & Lauren Moyer



Bria Lynn Buck  
Baptized 11/12/2023  
Parents: Joshua & Allison Buck

## Baptisms



Karen Marie Chimenko  
10/6/1943—10/25/23

## In Loving Memory



Jean K. Yoder  
8/8/1932—11/14/23



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OUR PASTORS:

**Tom Ebersole**, *Lead Pastor*

**Chris Hardy**, *Associate Pastor*

**Pat Goshert**, *Congregational Care Pastor*

**Terry Cooney**, *Visitation Pastor*

**Manfredo Luna**, *Latino Ministries Pastor*

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**Sunday Worship**

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Praise Worship

11:00 am Traditional Worship



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# December 2023

| Every Sunday:  | Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri                                   | Sat   |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| 8:00 am Traditional Worship<br>9:00 am Fellowship Time<br>9:30 am Contemporary Worship<br>9:30 am Sunday School for All<br>9:30 am Barth Memorial Class<br>9:30 am Pairs & Spares Class<br>9:30 am Table Talk I<br>10:30 am Fellowship Time<br>11:00 am Traditional Worship<br>11:00 am Table Talk II<br>4:00 pm El Buen Pastor Service<br>6:00 pm Youth Group | <b>3</b> See Sunday Worship @ Left<br>6:00 pm Kid's Club/Tween Gp  | <b>4</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scout Migs<br>6:30 pm Men's Bible Study<br>6:30 pm Stephen Ministry<br>7:00 pm OA<br>7:00 pm Monday Night Study                              | <b>5</b> 9:30 am Tues. Bible Study<br>6:15 pm Family Small Group<br>6:15 pm Kid's Stay & Play<br>6:30 pm Mom Time<br>7:00 pm NA   | <b>6</b> See Wed. @ Left  | <b>7</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study<br>4:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>6:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting<br>7:00 pm El Buen Pastor<br>7:00 pm Praise Team Reh.<br>7:00 pm Kid's Stay & Play                                | <b>1</b> 5:30 pm Angel Tree Setup     | <b>2</b> 8:00 am Angel Ply.<br>8:30 am FOG<br>9:00 am OA<br><b>9</b> 8:30 am Wom. Exercise<br>9:30 am OA<br><b>16</b> 8:30 am Women's Exercise<br>Group<br>9:30 am OA |
|  | <b>10</b> See Sunday Worship @ Left<br>Baptisms/New Members<br>4:30 pm OPP House Prep  | <b>11</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scout Migs<br>6:30 pm Men's Bible Study<br>7:00 pm OA<br>7:00 pm Monday Night Study   | <b>12</b> 9:30 am Tues. Bible Study<br>6:15 pm Family Small Group<br>6:15 pm Kid's Stay & Play<br>6:30 pm Mom Time<br>6:30 pm Prayer Team Mtg.<br>7:00 pm NA              | <b>13</b> See Wed. @ Left<br>7:00 pm Women's Bookclub   | <b>14</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study<br>12:30 pm Food Pantry Setup<br>4:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>6:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting<br>7:00 pm El Buen Pastor<br>7:00 pm Praise Team Reh.<br>7:00 pm Kid's Stay & Play | <b>15</b> 3:00 pm Food Pantry )       |   |
|  | <b>17</b> 9:00 am Christmas Cantata<br>11:00 am Christmas Cantata<br>6:00 pm Kid's Club/Tween Gp   | <b>18</b> 9:00 am After Griefshare<br>6:00 pm Boy Scout Migs<br>6:30 pm Men's Bible Study<br>6:30 pm Stephen Ministry<br>7:00 pm OA<br>7:00 pm Monday Night Study | <b>19</b> 9:30 am Tues. Bible Study<br>11:30 am UWF<br>11:30 am Griefshare 2<br>6:15 pm Family Small Group<br>6:15 pm Kid's Stay & Play<br>6:30 pm Mom Time<br>7:00 pm NA | <b>20</b> See Wed. @ Left<br>9:00 am Preschool<br>Christmas Program<br>12:00 pm Griefshare Part 2 | <b>21</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study<br>4:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>6:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting<br>7:00 pm El Buen Pastor<br>7:00 pm Kid's Stay & Play<br><i>7:00 pm Longest Night Service</i>                   | <b>22</b> 9:00 am Newsletter Assembly | <b>23</b> 8:30 am Women's Exercise<br>Group<br>9:30 am OA   |
|  | <b>24</b> Christmas Eve<br>11:00 am Family Service<br>3:00 pm Trad. Candlelight<br>4:00 pm Hope Rescue Mis.<br>5:00 pm Contemp. Candlelight<br>7:00 pm Trad. Candlelight<br>9:00 pm Trad. Candlelight    | <b>25</b> Christmas Day<br>Office Closed<br><i>Merry Christmas</i>  | <b>26</b> Office Closed   | <b>27</b> No WLW<br>No Safe Haven<br>No Bible Studies   | <b>28</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study<br>4:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>6:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting<br>7:00 pm El Buen Pastor<br>7:00 pm Praise Team Reh.<br>7:00 pm Kid's Stay & Play                               | <b>29</b>                             | <b>30</b> 8:30 am Women's Exercise<br>Group<br>9:30 am OA   |
|  | <b>31</b> See Sunday Worship @ Left<br>   |   |   |   |   |                                       |   |
| Every Wednesday:   | 7:14 am Prayer Service<br>9:30 am Pastor Tom's Bible Study<br>3:30 pm Safe Haven Lighthouse<br>4:30 pm WLW Dinner<br>6:30 pm Griefshare<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal<br>7:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study |   |   |   |   |                                       |   |



# December Birthdays



## **DECEMBER 1**

Sarel Fuchs  
Jeffrey Hill  
Kimberly Hunter  
Cathy James  
Holly Mays  
Robert Metzgar  
Yarelis Nieves  
Dawn Soisson  
Brittany Wagner  
David Wert  
Jeanie West

## **DECEMBER 2**

DeAnne Bechtel  
Mary Davis  
Arlene Doerrman  
Deann Houston  
Michael Moyer

## **DECEMBER 3**

Peter Cobaugh  
Sharon High  
Eva Levering  
Kayla McMullen  
Nancy Rehr  
Michael Stephens  
Patricia Unger  
Kelly Zerbe

## **DECEMBER 4**

Ellen Lantz  
Robin Pruitt

## **DECEMBER 5**

Amy Blessing  
June Bomberger  
Benjamin Reber  
Lorissa Reis

## **DECEMBER 6**

Kay Eastman  
Brandon Fessenden  
Carol Gardner  
Madison Klee  
Mckenzie Klee  
Russell Long  
Lisa Mochan  
Gary Noecker  
Zachary Remlinger  
Mary Roush  
Trevor Veidt

## **DECEMBER 7**

Bryan Behrenshausen

Joanne Henny  
Robert Romberger  
Brian Van Winkle

## **DECEMBER 8**

Robert Greer  
Ellen Herring  
Tabitha Hoppman  
Marjorie Johnson  
Antoinette Long  
Gary Moseman  
Thomas Ott  
Anthony Pappas  
Justin Rhoads  
Scott Salyards  
Marian Shannon \*

## **DECEMBER 9**

Linda Dutt  
Charles Fisher  
Joshua Hertzog  
Jami Jamison  
Randy Miller  
Constance Vaughan  
Brady West  
Dennis Wrentzel  
Thomas Yost

## **DECEMBER 10**

Jeffrey Brudereck  
Loretta Carter  
John Coakley  
Megan Fick  
T. Klinger

## **DECEMBER 11**

Robert Jones  
Andrea Lindsay  
David Rhodes

## **DECEMBER 12**

Morgan Gadebusch  
Carol Harris  
Donna King  
Cynthia Minnich

## **DECEMBER 13**

Cathy Cescon  
Mckenzie Gensemer  
Daniel Hemmerich  
Rory Kopp  
Terrie Schucker  
Lacey Soler

## **DECEMBER 14**

Kandy Derr  
Abigail Ingram  
Corina Piller  
Raymond Stubblebine  
Eric Sweitzer

## **DECEMBER 15**

David Daniels  
Meredith Quillman  
Kevin Stodart  
Peter Vicari  
Brandon Zabinski

## **DECEMBER 16**

Patricia Bailey  
John Bittler  
Evan Haas  
Steven Marsden  
Scott Szoke  
Lorre Witmer

## **DECEMBER 17**

Elizabeth Bittner  
Ruth Eyer  
Susan Lewis  
Gerry Maurer  
Cary Shaner  
Drew Vandersall

## **DECEMBER 18**

Sandra Chimenko-Goss  
Mikaela Krall  
Joseph Mays  
William Morgan  
Scott Snyder

## **DECEMBER 19**

Dorthea Bona  
Matthew Brown  
Janine Busack  
Preston Hoopes  
Paul Hricik  
Colleen Irwin  
Mirium Kachel  
William Mays  
Cindy Mezico  
Donna Phillips

## **DECEMBER 20**

Donald Burt Donald  
Amy Fick  
Peggy Fleck  
Maximilian Gadebusch

Karen Guers  
David Hinkle  
Michael Kauffman  
Karen McElhattan  
Jodi McVaugh  
Doris Miller  
Timothy Minnich  
Bradford Putt

## **DECEMBER 21**

Jeffrey Blankenbiller  
Aaron Dixon  
Holly Higgins  
Arthur Quinter  
Donna Rollman  
Sharon Rutherford

## **DECEMBER 22**

Steven Endy  
Dennis Mauser  
John Miller  
Kristina Sanford  
Lucan Schmidt

## **DECEMBER 23**

Charles Hamer  
Holly Metzgar  
Robert Moorhatch

## **DECEMBER 24**

Aaron Grill  
Donna Kershner  
Vivian Reitz \*  
Bonnie Rissmiller  
William Wildman

## **DECEMBER 25**

Robert Fleck  
Donna Harrington  
Andrew Lindsay  
Chris Mays  
Robert Rice  
Emmett Russell

## **DECEMBER 26**

Randy Wealand

## **DECEMBER 27**

Belle Calkins  
Katie O'Leary

## **DECEMBER 28**

Michael Brightbill  
Julie Kramer

Rebecca Weida  
E. Yetter  
Leslie Zalenski

## **DECEMBER 29**

Jessica Adam  
Steve Garber  
Jessica Hulse  
Tyler Pajski  
Diane Soper  
Sherry Thompson  
Judith Wahl  
Catherine Waters

## **DECEMBER 30**

Edward Geschwindt  
Shannon Lutz  
Madeline Marous  
Joseph McGarrigle  
Mary Morris

## **DECEMBER 31**

Trey Hayick  
Mason Kershner  
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