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Monthly Newsletter

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October 4, 2020 is World Communion Sunday. Communion will be celebrated at all four services, and a special offering will be received for World Communion Sunday benevolences. For more information on World Communion Sunday, we encourage you to check out the following link: <http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sunday>. If you are worshipping with us at home, please remember to have your communion elements ready.

Introducing our New WLUMC APP!

The purpose of our new mobile app is to help make disciples in Christ by equipping and resourcing each and every one of you. Stay up to date on all of our media, ministries, and events by downloading our app today! Simply go to the Apple App Store or Google Play and search “West Lawn UMC” to download. Make sure you click "allow" for push notifications, so that you don't miss any important announcements. For more information, check out the promotional app video on the homepage of our website. We look forward to diving deeper in faith, and keeping our congregation connected!

West Lawn United Methodist Church
 Available in App Stores

39th Annual Crop Walk for Hunger



Sunday, October 11 / Personal Walk

It is time for the 39th Annual Crop Walk. This year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and need for social distancing, a “personal” walk will be held. You select the time and place to complete your walk. Sign-up as an individual, family or small group. All money raised goes to hunger relief locally and around the world. Register to participate at the registration table in the breezeway between services. Unable to walk? Support our church walkers by donating to the West Lawn UMC Team at crophungerwalk.org/readingpa/danandsue.



“Even If...”

We recently finished a several week exploration of “Hymns of Faith” as the theme for our Daily Devotions videos. It was a fun series, and judging by the uptick in views and responses received, I’m guessing that some of you enjoyed it, as well.

One song of faith that I would have liked to include (and was suggested by my wife!) in the series is not traditionally identified as a hymn, but it is certainly one that speaks to our faith in God, and offers humble praise to God. I’m not sure that we have used it in worship here at West Lawn, but it is worth a few moments of consideration anyway. The song is recorded by the Christian band Mercy Me, and is entitled “Even If.”

I wanted to share this song of faith with you because it speaks to situations you and I, and many others, may be going through right now. As we all struggle through the many ramifications of a global pandemic, and the politicizing of responses; as we wrestle with how our society treats people who are different; as we show appreciation and respect for police officers, while at the same time not condoning unacceptable, even criminal behavior by “a few bad apples;” and as we face personal challenges – physical, financial, emotional, and spiritual – at times we are left to wonder “where is God when I need God most?” I suspect what we really mean is “why is God not controlling current events MY way.”

Some of the lyrics to Even If are found in the box to the right. I would point you to the chorus, in particular (**bold & italics** added). For all the times things have not gone your way, or mine, we need to remember that even if the world seems to be against us, our hope is still in God alone.

Even if my cousin’s beautiful daughter recently lost her battle with cancer, leaving behind her husband and two precious, young daughters and countless broken hearts, my hope is still in God alone.

Even if an innocent young child is fighting a fight we cannot even imagine, hospitalized far from home at a time when hospital visits are few and far between, even then, my hope is still in God alone.

Even if the USA, with 4% of the world’s population, is experiencing 21% of the world’s coronavirus cases, and even as we are nearing 200,000 deaths from COVID-19, I stake my faith in God alone!

Even if we, as a church, can only gather in-person in what is just a 1/3 of our pre-COVID numbers, and even if many others only feel safe worshipping on line, let us praise God for the technology to worship on line, and declare “my hope is still in God alone.” I put my trust in God to continue to lead us in life-changing ministries, feeding and sheltering those most in need, making disciples and comforting those who are broken. Even if my prayers for a quick end to the pandemic have not been answered, my hope is in You alone, oh God – You alone!

Sisters & brothers in Christ, as we move into October, and all the ministries this time of year brings, I invite you to put your hope in the One who is able, and the One who will never abandon you, even if you don’t always get your wish or way. “My hope is in You alone.”

May God be with you till we meet again,

Pastor Jeff

EVEN IF (BY MERCY ME)

They say sometimes you win some.
Sometimes you lose some.
And right now, right now I’m losing bad.
I’ve stood on this stage night after night,
reminding the broken it’ll be alright,
but right now, oh right now I just can’t.
It’s easy to sing when there’s nothing
to bring me down.
But what will I say when I’m held to the flame
like I am right now?

*I know You’re able and I know You can
save through the fire with Your mighty hand,
but even if you don’t
my hope is You alone.*

They say it only takes a little faith to move a
mountain.
Well good thing, a little faith is all I have,
right now.
But God, when You choose to leave mountains
unmovable,
oh give me the strength to be able to sing
“It is well with my soul”...



WLUMC will hold a flu shot clinic sponsored by CVS on Wednesday, October 21st, from 4:00—6:30 PM outside of the Community Center.

Please bring your insurance card with you. They accept most insurance except for Tri-Care.



Stay Connected to your Church Family from your Home!

FIND ON OUR WEBSITE: www.westlawnumc.org

Replay Live Stream Worship Services by following these instructions:

- On the home page click on the WORSHIP tab and select LIVESTREAMING. When the page opens scroll down and select the service you wish to view.
- It will open in small view. Double click to expand to full screen.

View Bulletins by clicking on the BULLETIN button at the side of the LIVESTREAMING page or by clicking on the WORSHIP tab and selecting BULLETINS and then click on the date you would like to view.

Submit a Prayer Request Online by following these instructions:

- Click on the WORSHIP tab
- Select PRAYER REQUEST
- Select your choice of Public or Private, fill in the form and click on SUBMIT.

(Public Prayer Requests will be added to our Prayer Page and shared with our church family. Private Prayer Requests are sent directly to the Pastoral staff.)

Watch Daily Devotionals from our Pastors by scrolling down on the home page to the Devotional circle and click on the words [Browse our Devotions](#) or click on the MEDIA tab and select DAILY DEVOTIONALS.

- Opens to that day's devotional message.
- Click on the YouTube link to see archived devotional messages.

Weekly Sunday School lessons based on the Sunday Livestream children's message. Go to <https://www.westlawnumc.org/sunday-school>.

OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT:

- **Subscribe to our YouTube channel** to see our daily devotionals and worship services. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjk6YiptFESz_e26U1EA4jw
- **WLUMC App**—Go to the Apple App Store or Google Play and search “West Lawn UMC” to download our new app. Be sure to click “allow” for push notifications so that you don't miss any important announcements. Check out the promotional video on the homepage of our website for more information.

October Updates for Children's Ministry

Sunday School is now meeting in person each Sunday morning. In addition to our 9:30 AM classes, we also now offer Sunday School for all children during the 11:00 and 11:10 worship services. Our team of servants will escort your children to this class from the back of the Sanctuary or the Community Center worship area before church begins.

Starting September 27, and all Sunday evenings thereafter, Kelly and Laurie will meet with West Lawn children on Zoom for fellowship and lesson time. All children, Age 3 through Grade 5, will gather at 7:00 PM for Bible stories, games, music, fellowship and more!

In addition, Kelly and Laurie are at West Lawn on Wednesday evenings, between 6:30-8:00 PM, offering childcare services for any children whose parents are onsite engaged in a small group, Bible study, helping with the kitchen ministry, in choir, or otherwise.

As we move further into winter, we hope to eventually safely return to our typical Sunday evening onsite ministries, as well as our Wednesday Toddler Time programming.



The United Methodist Women will meet on **Tuesday, October 20 in Hebrews Café.** Jody Anderson will present a program, “Forgotten victims:

Domestic Violence in the Family” at **NOON.** If you want to fellowship with lunch, bring your entire lunch, including beverage at 11:30am. Putting faith and love into action is the foundation of United Methodist Women as they support ministries to women, children and youth across the country and around the world. **ALL WOMEN** are welcome. Please wear a mask, as we social distance.

Questions?? Contact Harriett Ziegenfuss (610-678-3107) or Anna Bickhart (610-670-1671)

Volunteers Needed

Would you help a neighbor in need? Consider volunteering for SpiritTrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice. Make friendly visits or supportive phone calls to hospice clients. Serving clients for over 20 years in Berks, Lehigh, Northampton and Schuylkill Counties.

For more information, please call Cathy Sweeney, Volunteer Coordinator, at 570-599-5390.

Sharing the Good News through Technology

Did you know that we have an updated website and a brand-new app for our church? You probably do because we’ve been promoting it everywhere (and we hope you’ve downloaded it). And some may be wondering how we’re paying for such a great technological tool to reach people for Christ, and that it must have cost a fortune, right? You’d be surprised, as was I, when I learned that it only cost an additional \$5 per month as to what we were already investing in the website. So, for a total of \$60 per year, we’ve upgraded and updated our website to look esthetically welcoming and efficiently functional as a way of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and maintaining connections across our ministries. Additionally, we didn’t have to pay another company to make the website or app for us, essentially saving us thousands of dollars! Laura Hill, our Director of Communications, took on the task of both projects and has done a phenomenal job.

You can download the app for free from your iPhone or Android device in the Apple Store or Google Play store.

~ Pastor Chris

Part-Time Position Available

New Journey Clothing Center has a part-time (11 hours per week) position available for a Clothing Center Coordinator.

New Journey Community Outreach is a non-profit Social Service Agency that provides Food and Clothing Services for people in need. The Clothing Center Coordinator oversees the operations of the Clothing Center which is open one day each week. Responsibilities include training volunteers with the sorting, hanging, storing and distribution of donated clothing, keeping accurate records on weekly attendance, volunteer hours and amount of clothing received and distributed, and sending thank you letters to in-kind clothing donors. Hours are flexible. We are a small staff that provide monumental services for those in need.

Qualified candidates will have strong knowledge and experience in Customer Service, Word and Excel, relate well with people and be organized.

Donors Needed for Fall Blood Drive

We will be hosting a blood drive at the community center on Thursday, October 22nd for Miller-Keystone Blood Center. There is an urgent need for blood donations, since fewer drives are being scheduled with local businesses/schools due to employees/students working from home. Our usual blood drive hours have been extended to accommodate social distancing.



Appointments for whole blood donations can be made from noon to 7 p.m. by calling Eileen Williams at 610-670-0591.

Faithful Friends Consignment Sale

**Saturday, October 3 / 8AM—1PM
Church Parking Lot**

The Faithful Friends Consignment Sale will be a YARD sale this Fall due to the complications of Covid-19. All participants and shoppers will be required to wear a mask at all times and practice social distancing to the extent possible. For more information or to register, look on our Facebook page, website (www.westlawnumc.org/faithful-friends-fall-2020-consignment-sale) or church app.

Libraries at West Lawn

Did you know that at West Lawn there are 2 adult libraries where materials can be checked out for your use? Whether you are a small group leader in need of a study for your group or you would like information for your own growth, we can help.

The **Resource Library**, located in the Reiner Education Building room 112, contains study materials for groups, big or small, including leader's guides, participant books and DVDs. This library, maintained by Katie Marweg, has instructions posted in the room for your use in checking out and returning materials. If you have any questions regarding the process or you would like to help maintain this library, please contact Katie. If you need help choosing what your group should study or you have a suggestion for new materials, please contact Pastor Chris.

The **Reference Library**, located in the back of the HeBrew's Café and maintained by Pastor Lisa, contains materials that will help you grow in your faith and/or learn about a particular subject of interest. We have biblical atlases, commentaries, and dictionaries, as well as many other reference items that can supplement your studies, whether you are an individual or in a group. The reference library contains supplemental books written in order to help you study a particular book of the bible such as Daniel, a particular person in the bible such as David, or a particular topic in the bible, such as the parables of Jesus or what the bible say about heaven. We even have a section on John Wesley and the history of the Methodist faith.

In addition, you can find books geared to what might be currently happening in your life such as grief, divorce, marriage and family, or in our culture, such as racism.

If you would like to help maintain this library, please contact Pastor Lisa. In order to maintain the quality of materials, please note that books are not excepted without first contacting the church office.

WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT OUR CHURCH & MINISTRIES

EFT - Electronic Funds Transfer

- Go to the West Lawn website www.westlawnumc.org and click on the GIVE tab or click on the EXPLORE / ONLINE GIVING tab. Follow the instructions.

Text Giving

- Send a text message to [610-365-4400](tel:610-365-4400) and follow any prompts.

Smart Phone APP

- Go to your APP store and download the App [GIVEPLUS+](#). Follow the prompts to setup.

Bill Pay

- An easy process offered by most banks to establish recurring or one-time gifts to be sent by check directly from your bank, without sharing any banking information with the church or a 3rd-party provider.

Mail in your contribution to the church office. Be sure to designate your name and what the contribution is for. Send to:

West Lawn United Methodist Church

15 Woodside Ave.

West Lawn, PA 19609-1664

*Thank you for your continued financial support
during these trying times and all year long!*

Security Team Update

We want to thank all of those who have served and continue to serve on our Safety Team on Sunday mornings. You might recognize the members of this team by the gray shirts and the name tags with red lanyards that they wear as they walk around our campus.

The main objective of our security program has been to balance our mission of being open and welcoming to the community while being protective of our worshipers and ministry staff. The team provides support to the pastors and ushers during services, monitors Sunday school and nursery activities, as well as monitors surveillance cameras for unusual activities. The team is prepared to respond to events that occur and determine if the situation is a medical or a security emergency (i.e. requesting Local Police, Ambulance).

This is a volunteer ministry and additional servants are needed. The church provides the necessary training to participate in such a vital and important team.

If you would be willing to serve on this team, please contact Joe Marsden joe_marsden@comcast.net or the office.

Support WLUMC Through Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

Shop either online or in-store on October 14th or 15th, and pick WLUMC at checkout. After the Friends Helping Friends event concludes, the church will receive a check for the amount raised!

Shop with us! Shop in-store or online October 14th & 15th - 9am-9pm

<p>SHOPPERS GET</p> <h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">20%*</h1> <p>OFF</p> <p>OUR LOWEST SALE PRICES</p> <p>We'll take an extra 20% off at the register on almost everything you purchase. *10% discount items and exclusions apply. See below.</p>	<p>BOSCOV'S DONATES</p> <h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">5%</h1> <p>BACK</p> <p>TO A NON-PROFIT OF YOUR CHOICE</p> <p>We'll donate 5% of your total purchase price to your participating non-profit</p>
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Select your charitable non-profit from the list of pre-registered organizations at the register in-store or during checkout online.

2020 WLUMC Women's Retreat

On November 7th, the WLUMC Women's Retreat will host a one-day virtual retreat. Please share with your friends!

This will be a three-session event via Zoom: 9-10am, 11-12 am, & 1-2pm

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wlumc-womens-retreat-virtual-one-day-event-tickets-120415747743?utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=checkoutwidget&utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-source=strongmail> to receive your link to the zoom sessions!

We also are including our "pay it forward" event tickets. You can use this to make a love offering that WLUMC Women's Retreat will use to provide scholarships to our events.

About the event from our Speaker Debbie Keever:

Hebrews 6:19 "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."

This hope....this anchor for our soul...rests in two important truths that you can glean from the context of this passage; God always keeps His promises and He does not lie. Every promise in scripture, every attribute about our heavenly Father...is worth holding onto with all our might when the storms of life kick up. The WORD of God keeps our convictions from wavering, it strengthens us so we can persevere and allows us to walk in peace. The storms may continue to blow...but when we are anchored in Truth, we can remain steadfast.

Join us for this one day women's virtual women's event where we will help you apply this important principle into everyday life! <https://www.debbiekeeverministries.com/>

WEST LAWN UMC WOMEN'S RETREAT PRESENTS

The Anchor Holds

A ONE DAY VIRTUAL EVENT

NOVEMBER 7, 2020

REGISTER AT
[WESTLAWN.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.westlawnumc.org/events)

SPEAKER:

Debbie Keever
MINISTRIES

Support WLUMC Through AmazonSmile!



What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support West Lawn UMC every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same prices, selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the church!

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile on your Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone (found under settings on your app). On your browser, you may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. When you're using the app, always check for the "AmazonSmile" logo to ensure you're activated for AmazonSmile.

How do I activate AmazonSmile on my Amazon Shopping app?

AmazonSmile customers on Android devices with version 5.0+ or iOS devices with version 12+, who have upgraded to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app can find "AmazonSmile" listed in the Settings menu. From there, you can follow onboarding instructions to activate AmazonSmile on your device.

Do I need to renew AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile renewals happen twice a year to help keep AmazonSmile on mobile app. AmazonSmile will notify you of these renewals via push notifications and through in-app notifications. If you miss a renewal you can reactivate at any time by repeating the steps to "turn on" AmazonSmile on your mobile device. There is no renewal period for browser shopping on AmazonSmile, which you can use anytime by typing "smile.amazon.com" into your browser.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

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Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you need to select your charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile will result in a donation. AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation amounts disbursed to your chosen charity or about the program.

How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, special, limited time promotions may be offered that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations.

Sunday School Reopening Details

We reopened our nursery and children's Sunday School classes on Sunday, September 13, 2020. If you and your family feel comfortable returning to West Lawn for worship and Sunday School, please read over these changes to our classroom procedures. We look forward to seeing your children, either in the nursery, or in the Community Center main room.

Nursery:

- All servants wear masks
- Temperature checks of all servants and children are taken upon arrival
- Only 4 children per 1 servant; each group of 4 or less will be kept separate from other groups of 4 or less
- Room 112 will be used as additional nursery space if more than 6 children are in the nursery at any given time
- Only half of the typical toys are available
- No snacks will be provided; Drinks only in closed sippy cups or bottles
- The nursery is open each Sunday from 7:45 AM until 12:15 PM, with routine cleaning of surfaces and toys throughout the morning
- Sign up via a Survey Monkey email is requested, but not required, for weekly advance attendance planning

9:30 AM Sunday School:

All children are dropped off at the Community Center main room (front door and Noble St. doors will be open) Children sit socially distanced apart for opening worship in the Community Center main room. By 10:00 AM, children relocate to classrooms (double than normal classroom sizes for all classes to accommodate social distancing of children at tables and open spaces)

- Age 3 to Rooms 200-202 in the Reiner Ed. Building
- Age 4 to Rooms 204-206 in the Reiner Ed. Building
- Age 5/Kindergarten to Rooms 208-210 in the Reiner Ed. Building
- Grade 1 to Rooms 207-209 in the Reiner Ed. Building
- Grade 2 to Room 202 in the Community Center
- Grade 3 to the Conference Room in the Community Center
- Grade 4/5 remains in the Community Center large room
- Temperature checks of all servants and children are taken upon arrival
- All servants and children wear masks
- Hand sanitizer is used regularly throughout the morning
- All children have their own individual pencil box of main school supplies
- Only one parent goes upstairs to pick up children Age 3-Grade 1 in the Reiner Ed. Building, using one way stairwells
- Parents of Grade 2-5 children return to the Community Center to pick up their children
- Sign up via a Survey Monkey email is requested, but not required, for weekly advance attendance planning

ALL NEW!!! 11:00/11:10 AM Sunday School:

Servants pick up children who arrive for worship at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary narthex

New Bible Study!

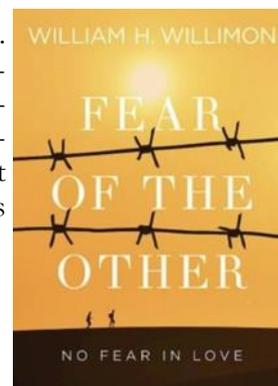
“Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love” will be a six-week book study based on William H. Willimon’s book of the same title. This study will guide us through navigating the sin of xenophobia and the gospel promise of welcoming inclusion. The study will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, beginning Sept. 28 and concluding on Nov. 2 and will be meeting via Zoom only. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Chris at chris@westlawnmc.org. A limited amount of books have been ordered. Contact Pastor Chris for a copy.

The book study is “Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love” by Will Willimon.

Mondays: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Begins Sept. 28, ends Nov. 6 (6 sessions)

Zoom only – ID # 741 202 7680 – passcode: fear





FIREHOUSE YOUTH MINISTRY

FALL Youth Group HIGHLIGHTS

This Fall we are continuing the fun, fellowship and service we have been doing all summer. Youth Group has been meeting on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm in the Community Center. We spend portions of the evenings in separate MS/HS age groups, and we spend time together in worship. Our Youth Worship Band continues to lead us all in exceptional worship each Sunday night, and we are truly blessed by the ways they use their gifts & talents.

New this fall is how we've incorporated Small Groups into our Sunday evenings. The students have enjoyed the chance to spend quality time with their peers. Also it has been a blessing to have leaders consistently pour into their faith life.

**For info, contact:
Youth Director
Trisha Rabold
610.678.5611 (O)
484.432.7808 (C)
trisha@westlawnumc.org**

CONFIRMATION

Like everything else, Confirmation has looked quite different this year than years past. After pausing the regular May Confirmation service, we were able to confirm 18 students on September 13th at 11am. It was rewarding as their teacher to watch these 14&15yr-olds stand up in front of the church and profess their faith in Jesus Christ and in their decision to join WLUMC.

And just a few days later we started the process of Confirmation for the current 8th graders. They will begin class in October, meeting regularly on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30am. Please email me if you'd like to get your child signed up.



Firehouse Youth Fall Dates

Every Sunday— 9:30am— 6&7th Sunday School

And Youth Group 6-8pm

10/4 Confirmation @Home Retreat—

1:30-5:30pm in Community Center

10/9— MS & HS Fun Night at Duncan's Corn Maze 6-9pm

10/11— Sunday School, Confirmation & Youth Group

10/18— Sunday School, Confirmation & Youth Group

10/25th— Sunday School, Confirmation AND

TRUNK OR TREAT w/ Costume Contest

When Home Hurts *Domestic Violence and Families: The Church Responds*

October 9-10, 2020: Friday, 7 PM to 9 PM; and Saturday, 9 AM to 12 PM

A Zoom Video-Conference Event

Register online to receive access information. Cost: \$10

Protecting Human Life. Promoting Healthy Families

Join the Eastern PA Conference's Domestic Violence Committee for its third annual **Domestic Violence Seminar**. Again, we will learn more about this destructive social crisis that hurts individuals, families and communities. And we will explore how churches can respond.

After examining how domestic violence (DV) impacts women and men in 2018 and 2019, this year we will focus on families, including its impact on children and youth. Learn various perspectives from our keynote speaker, professional panelists, DV survivors and attendees. All will share their wisdom and witness—that is, their expert knowledge, their diverse views and their often-painful but enlightening experiences.

Jody Anderson, who co-chairs our conference's Domestic Violence Committee, will be our keynote speaker. Her new book, *Band of Angels*, comes out in October during **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. A longtime professional and church volunteer in social work and social justice, Jody is a certified child trauma specialist. She has counseled children and youth but also directed domestic violence agencies and launched a residential program to help homeless female veterans heal from sexual assault in the military.

Also, hear **survivors' stories** and learn from our interactive **panel discussion** on **"How Can the Church Respond Effectively?"** and afterward, **breakout workshops**. Our experts will include:

- A marriage and family therapist and campus minister who also directs our conference's Young People's Ministries program.
- A longtime county DV services director and former shelter director.
- Several clinical counselors who work with boys and men.
- A Licensed Local Pastor involved in helping domestic violence victims.
- A researcher and author who explores the church's role in addressing domestic violence.

Don't miss this in-depth, eye-opening, mind-expanding, heart-touching exposition of a topic of grave concern to churches, individuals and communities who care about protecting human life and promoting healthy families. Please register online today at <https://na.eventscloud.com/when-home-hurts> and encourage fellow church members to join you in attending this important event.



**November 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM
in the HeBrews Café**

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- ◆ How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- ◆ What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- ◆ Helpful tips about surviving social events
- ◆ How to discover hope for your future

RSVP for this event by calling the church office -610 678-5611.

Women's Book Club

The next Women's Book Club meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 14th** at 7PM in Room 109 of the Education Building to discuss *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion!

November's book will be *Someone Knows* by Lisa Scottoline.

Please contact Donna Barnhart at dmbhart2@gmail.com or 610-678-7873 to be added to the email list or for information.



"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4 (NRSV)

Grief can be overwhelming. Loss and potential loss can be so frightening and painful that it feels like the world is simply caving in; sometimes it seems that there is no end to the pain. In times of grief, prayers become a lifeline that upholds and guides us when we do not know the way. Minute by minute and hour by hour, God sustains us.

If you have suffered a recent loss or continue to struggle with the loss of a loved one, The Griefshare Ministry Team can help and would be honored to walk along side you through this time in your life. This group of trained servants will minister to you through weekly one-on-one phone conversations, offering a listening ear as well as proven suggestions to aid you in your grieving process.

If you would like more information or to register, please contact the church at 610-678-5611 or Pastor Lisa at 484-529-4517.

A Big "Thank You" to Our Coffee Truck Sponsors!

- ◆ September 13 – in honor of our newest members, the 2020 Confirmation Class!
- ◆ September 20 – Heather & Matthew Fountain - in celebration of her 5th re-birthday from her bone marrow transplant, and in honor of her Women of Worth group
- ◆ September 27 – the Rath family
- ◆ October 4 – the Rath family
- ◆ October 11 – Bob & Brenda Grant (48th wedding anniversary)



*Enjoy a cup of hot brew on us at Beansie's Coffee Truck!
Church Parking Lot between 9AM—11:15 AM*



The next Wilson Area Food Pantry distribution will be on October 16th from 2-4PM with pickup in the W L U M C Reiner Edu-

cation Building parking lot. Food boxes will be prepared ahead of time and patrons will drive up, pop their trunk, and the box will be placed inside. Pre-registration is preferred and can be scheduled by calling 484-525-0980.

There will be an additional Helping Harvest Food Bank Mobile Market at the Wernersville Train Station on the second Thursday of the month from 1-3 PM.

Baptisms/New Members

If you are interested in scheduling a baptism or joining the church, please contact the Church Office at office@westlawnumc.org or one of the pastors to inquire.



Flowers on the Altar

Just a reminder that you can place flowers on the altar in honor or memorial of loved ones.

To do so, please call Acacia Flower Shop at 610-376-8767 or email acaciaflowershop@gmail.com to place your order. Orders must be received by Tuesday to be ready for the upcoming Sunday.

Remember...

Please let the office or pastors know if you or a loved one is hospitalized or placed in rehab. In this time of social distancing and visit restrictions at our care facilities, our pastors would love to connect with you via phone or virtual methods to pray with you and offer support.

JOIN US FOR
TRUNK OR TREAT

IN THE WEST LAWN CHURCH PARKING LOTS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 • 4-6 PM

CANDY. FELLOWSHIP. COSTUME CONTEST. PRIZES!

SPONSORED BY WEST LAWN FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY & YOUTH!



**Trunk
 or
 Treat**

***** FAMILIES WELCOME *****

We invite you to bring your kids for fun and safe Trick or Treating around our West Lawn parking lots!
 15 WOODSIDE AVE., WEST LAWN 19609

4:00-6:00 PM

Please wear a face mask, along with your costumes!

Prize awarded to
 the best dressed youth!

***** TRUNKS NEEDED *****

Come deck out your car's trunk, tailgate, or hatch and have fun handing out treats to the kids!

Cars should arrive no later than 3:30 PM and park in the Reiner Education Center parking lots.

Prize awarded to the best decorated trunk!

Contact Youth Pastor Trisha to reserve your parking space! trisha@westlawnmc.org

A FUN & SAFE HALLOWEEN EVENT FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

Congratulations 2020 Confirmation Students!

ALEXANDRA ANN BARNES



Alexandra is the daughter of Curt & Priscilla Barnes. She is in 9th grade At Governor Mifflin High School. Carolann Schneiderhan is her mentor.

ADELAIDE JEANNE COHEN



Adelaide is the daughter of Julie & Sandy Cohen. She is in 9th grade At Wyomissing Junior-Senior High School. Barb Piscitello is her mentor.

AUTUMN MARIE HAAS



Autumn is the daughter of Dave & Jenna Haas. She is in 9th grade at Antietam Middle/ High School. Connie Aldridge is her mentor.

NATALIE ELIZABETH KAIRIS



Natalie is the daughter of Erica & Ryan Kairis. She is in 9th grade at Wilson High School. Bonnie Rissmiller is her mentor.

ASHLEY KATE NEUIN



Ashlee is the daughter of Jami Jamison & Marvin Neuin. She is in 10th grade at Schuylkill Valley High School. Stephanie Mays is her mentor.

BENJAMIN CHRISTOPHER RADA



Ben is the son of Chris & Lindsay Rada. He is in 9th grade at Wilson High School. Justin Raffauf is his mentor.

CHARLOTTE GRACE RISMILLER



Charlotte is the daughter of Kelly & Terry Rismiller. She is in 9th grade at Exeter High School. Lisa Cullen is her mentor.

ERIC DANIEL BECKER



Eric is the son of Dan & Stephanie Becker. He is in 9th grade at Wilson High School. Adam Filer is his mentor.

DOMINIC JOHN DELGADO



Dominic is the son of Dea Basseitti & Wilson Delgado. He is in 9th grade at Wilson High School. Phil Marshall is his mentor.

ALEXA RUTH KAIRIS



Alexa is the daughter of Erica & Ryan Kairis. She is in 9th grade at Wilson High School. Karen Guers is her mentor.

CAYDEN THOMAS LASHER



Cayden is the son of Angie Lasher. He is in 9th grade at Conrad Weiser High School. Mark Reese is his mentor.

JULIA JANE PRUTZER



Julia is the daughter of Karl & Marci Prutzer. She is in 9th grade at Wilson High School. Jodi Detwiler is her mentor.

ADRIANA GABRILA RIVERA



Adriana is the daughter of Michael & Zylkia Rivera. She is in 9th grade at Schuylkill Valley High School. Carmen Quinones is her mentor.

COLLIN JAY TROUTMAN



Collin is the son of Dawn & Jeff Troutman. He is in 9th grade at Wilson High School. Rick Rhoads is his mentor.

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Congratulations 2020 Confirmation Students! (CONTINUED)

KATELYN GRACE WARGO



Katelyn is the daughter of David & Michelle Wargo. She is in 9th grade at Wilson High School. Kelly Rismiller is her mentor.

JOSHUA LOUIS WEBER



Josh is the son of Howie & Megan Weber. He is in 9th grade at Wilson High School. Jeff Nagle is his mentor.

BRYN NICOLE WILLIAMS



Bryn is the daughter of Kim & Robey Williams. She is in 9th grade at Wilson High School. Jen Little is her mentor.

ERIC SCOTT YAZEMBOSKI



Eric is the son of Brian & Laura Yazemboski. He is in 9th grade at Conrad Weiser High School. Gene Messner is his mentor.

West Lawn's Ice Cream Bus Ends the Summer on a Sweet Note!



Thank You...

Dear WLUMC Pastors & Staff,
Thank you so much for live stream services every Sunday. And thank you also for visiting us to deliver delicious ice cream! We appreciate all of the kindness... and, of course, the ice cream as well! Sincerely,
Shuji & Machiko Kawata

Dear Pastor Jeff & Helpers,
Bill and I want to thank you and your helpers for stopping by and giving each of us a dish of ice cream. We appreciate your thinking of us. It is great to belong to such a caring church. By the way, the ice cream was delicious! Many thanks again to all who made the ice cream run possible. God's blessings to all,
Bill & Nancy Surgeoner

West Lawn UMC:
Thank you for the many cards, prayers and calls of comfort in the passing of my mom. We were amazed at the number of cards from our dear friends at West Lawn UMC. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in this time of our loss. Gordy & Rev. Sherry Lantz

Dear Pastor Jeff & Staff,
For those of us who can't get to church any more, you have made our lives more livable. You keep us part of WLUMC with your live streaming of the devotions and services. We admire the children's message too! God's blessings to you all. Even those who we haven't met yet! In Christian love, Doris & Don Westley

Thank you for our ice cream treats. They were delicious! When we were in Brigantine last week, I shared how you did the "pool noodles" to keep people 6 ft. apart. They thought it was sheer genius!
Thanks again, Lana & Harold Rodgers

WLUMC,
Thank you for ALL you do—for the church, for the community, and for the Lord!!

Blessings,

Desiree & John

Dear Pastor Jeff,
Can't begin to tell you how much we enjoy the daily devotions from you and Pastor Chris. Since we cannot get the Sunday services on our computer, we really enjoyed our first time back at church on Sunday. We liked your different subjects on the daily devotions, but our most favorite is the one you are doing right now on the hymns of our church. Since we both enjoy singing, it means so much to hear the history of these old hymns. I don't know how long you will be doing this, but my favorite church hymn is "The Church is One Foundation" We know it takes time to do all that you do, but we do appreciate what you do for your congregation. May God be with you as we continue this very difficult journey. Sincerely, Gloria & Bernie Behrenshausen

Baptisms



Benjamin Davis Knauer
son of Anna & Preston Knauer
baptized on 9/17/2020



Ryland Ernest Muir
son of Chad & Samantha Muir
baptized on 9/27/2020

In Loving Memory



Marilyn E. Weber
10/14/1931—09/19/2020



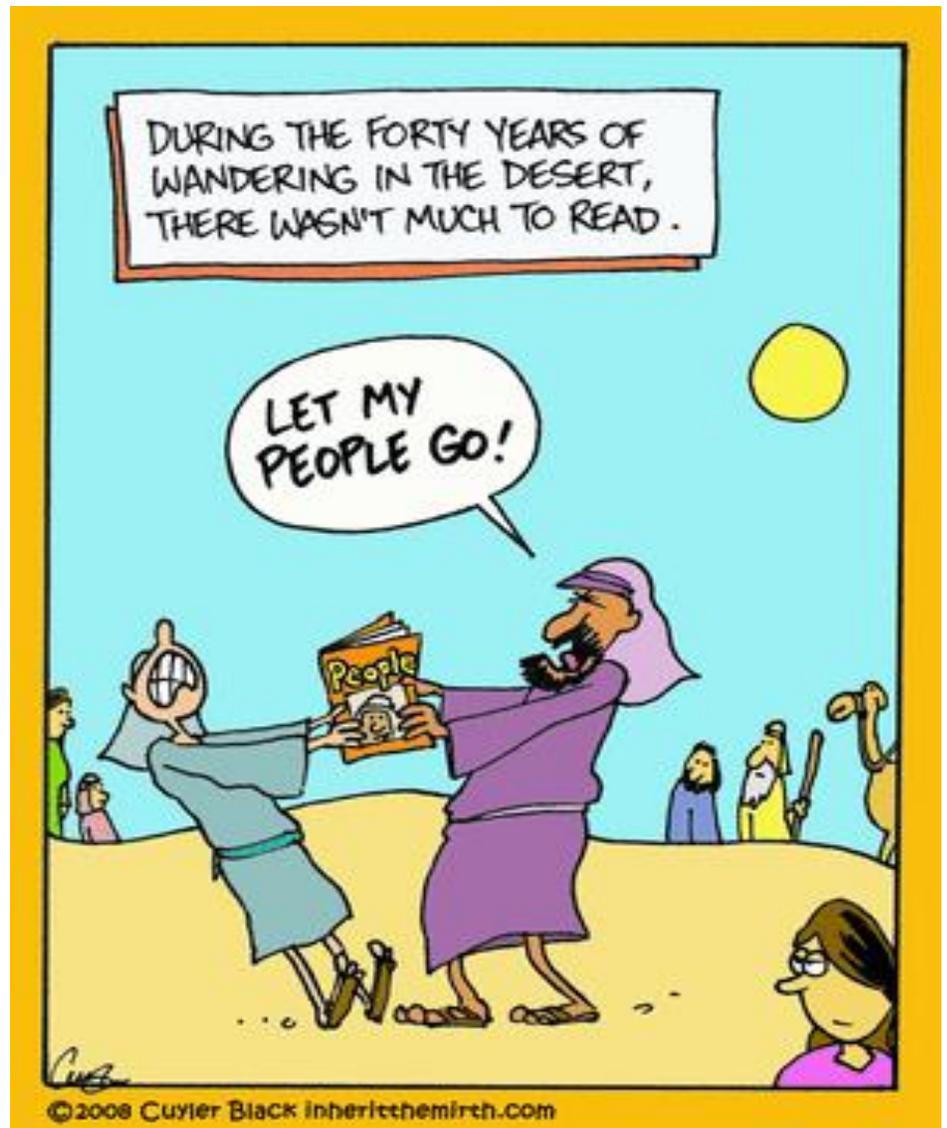
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Jeff Raffauf
Chris Hardy
Terry Cooney
Lisa Hoopes

Sunday Worship

8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Praise Worship
11:00 am Celebration Worship
11:10 am Community Worship



October Birthdays

OCTOBER 1

Rick Hoppman
Stacey Hughes
Cathy Jacobs
Zachary Larson
Emmanuel Maldonado
Frank Piscitello
Robert Rauenzahn
Broderic Shipe
Candis Siatkowski
Craig Snyder
Rick Unger
Sylvia Zimmerman

OCTOBER 2

William Barrick
Terrence Cescon
Stephanie Conner
Mandy Kieffer
Zachary Mellinger
Toni Orteni
John Sheperak
Harry Stiller
Daniel Surgeoner

OCTOBER 3

Richard Buchanan
Bryan Focht
Betty Johnson
Linda Miller
Abigail Wartluft

OCTOBER 4

Kim Clarkson
Taylor Dallas
Jennifer Fuhrer
Kimberly Loeper
Cameron McAllister
William Tschop
William Ulrich
Tyler Wise

OCTOBER 5

Rachel Auman
Cynthia Dierolf
George Gadebusch
J. Hart
Trevor Hertzog
Sabrina Kramer
Ryan Malia
Mark Mayhew
Mark Rothenberger
Shellie Rutolo
Kailee Shupp
Michele Unger

OCTOBER 6

Karen Chimenko
Scott Goetz
Keith Hertzog
Kristen Lutz
Lauren Moyer
Kim Paolini
Rowan Schmidt
Kenley Schmidt
Christopher Schoellkopf
Nancy Stamm
Zachary Wyrick

OCTOBER 7

Charlotte Curtis
Mark Gillette
Pat Goshert
Sheri Rath
Joyce Sipe
Garry Slemmer
Bradley Sweitzer
Steven Whitney

OCTOBER 8

Jeffrey Achey
Andrew Coyle
George Freeman
Stewart Herbine
Rebecca Pacifico
Lauren Weller

OCTOBER 9

Amy Ellis
Jim Gallagher
Jennifer Heilmann
William Hughes
Allison Kreitz
Christopher Rodriguez
Christopher Schell
Evan Schweitzer
Louise Seifert
Vicky Snyder

OCTOBER 10

Jason Crawford
Sherry Hushen

OCTOBER 11

Elsie Bell
Emma Bittner
Robert Bryan
Maria Grill
Jennifer High
Jacob Leed
Paul Myers
Jeffrey Piscitello
Helen Quade
Anthony Salome
Griffin Stambaugh
Troy Turner
Malissa Young

OCTOBER 12

Christopher Cullen
Daniel Eastman
Steven Good
Todd Snyder
Maslyn Soisson
Ryan Texter
Johnathan Trout
Alexander Trout
Meghan White

OCTOBER 13

James Conroy
Barbara Fisher
Alvin Fogelman

Beatrice Kalbach *
Michael Normand
Molly Vicari

OCTOBER 14

Declan Gibson
Sandra Keppley
Beth Turner
Timothy Woll
Marcia Zillhardt

OCTOBER 15

Amanda Baker
Robert Bare
Kimberlee Bortz
Richard Eckroth
Sophia Jalil
David Rathman
Mark Shaner
Jeffrey Speidel
Libby Young
Hayden Young

OCTOBER 16

Adris Buenostro
Jasmine Eastburn
Cheryl Englehart
George Geiger
Ralph Johnson
Robert Rutherford
Beverly Szymborski

OCTOBER 17

Kathryn Behrenshausen
Pamela Berger
Ken Coots
Dorothy Kemp *
Hunter Normand
Cynthia Slemmer
Susan Weidman

OCTOBER 18

Noah Carles
Pamela Daniels
Mary Hutchinson
Barbara Kauffman
Megan Normand
Kristopher Perez
Kristopher Perez
Kathy Sawlsville
David Steinmetz
David Stemler

OCTOBER 19

Jane Boylan
Carol Brudereck
Joseph Ferrara
Ardell Matheson
Harry Ramsey
Rhys Trogus
Doris Westley *

OCTOBER 20

Mason Becker
Jason Brudereck
Mi Jen Coatsworth

Daniella Coyle
Leah Kreider
McKellar McCloy
Katelyn Palm
Wendy Reinert
Kaitlin Shupp
Kaitlin Weaver

OCTOBER 21

Eileen Bare
Charles Brackman
Roger Broome
Jennifer Grider
Autumn Haas
Daniel Little
Brittany Melnyk
Daniel Pettinato
Noah Rauenzahn
Ethan Stemler
Emma Swartz
Allen Williams

OCTOBER 22

Robin Barnett
James Bressler
Edward Chimenko
Kim Gantert
David Loose
Victoria Mayhew
Kayla Piccone
Gerald Schoellkopf
Dawn Troutman
Mason Woolwine
Alena Woolwine

OCTOBER 23

Maynard Koch
Neal Lebo
Allen Loos
Anh Nguyen
Blake Normand

OCTOBER 24

Meredith Donaldson
Megan Evans
Cheryl Greth
Ariella Rivera
Abigale Salome
Shelly Shaak

OCTOBER 25

Eugene Curry
Luis Delgado
Scott Irwin
Hailey Kohl
Alice Roland

OCTOBER 26

Sylvia Boronski
Daniel Dixon
Albert Houston
Ella Marous
Laura Rhodes
Kelly Shumaker
Walter Woolwine

OCTOBER 27

Diana Braine
Tammy Debelius
Emily Kallinger
Jennifer Quick
Jeffrey Ricketts

OCTOBER 28

Erika Bentz
Jeffrey Folk
Jakob Hoffert
Stephanie Mays
Barbara Messner
Susanne Paull
Corbin Rittle

OCTOBER 29

Prince Antwi
Kathy Beard
Michael Brightbill
Lauren Chubb
Amaya Evans
Jennifer Fry
Elizabeth McGarrigle
Andrew Moyer
Robert Orzechowski
Emily Pumphrey-Rohal
Rodney Stamm
Mikala Weikel

OCTOBER 30

Bruce Crabbs
Benjamin Draper
Steve Grill
Riley Harrison
Christine Noecker
Kim Pachuilo
Colton Raffauf
Terry Rismiller
Todd Wagner
Bethany Young
Jessica Zeiner

OCTOBER 31

Jack Goodhart
Brody Gooding
Bryce Gooding
Jeanine McMillan
Daryn Zeiner



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