



September 2023

WEST LAWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CrossRoads

Monthly Newsletter

FOOD FOR THE BODY - FOOD FOR THE SOUL

WLW MEALS

will resume this month!

4:30—6:45 PM

Hello September!

September brings our 22nd season of West Lawn Wednesday community dinners! The 2023-24 season begins on September 6th, with dinner being served from 4:30 to 6:45 pm. This community meal is served by our Kitchen Ministry volunteers who donate their time and talents, providing an environment that reflects the love of God in our community. By offering a quality meal at a fair price (\$12.00 per person; \$6 for children 6-10, and 5 and under are free), we seek to create a loving Christian atmosphere that feeds both the body and the soul within our church family and beyond, ministering to those in need.

Join us for a Wednesday evening meal, then drop in for a Bible Study or Community Group as we begin another year of “feeding the body and feeding the soul.”

Date	Main Entrees	Side	Kid's Entree
9/6/23	Shepherd's Pie		Hot Dogs
9/13/23	Pulled Pork	Mac & Cheese	Pizza
9/20/23	Lemon Pepper Salmon & Baked Chicken	Au Gratin Scalloped Potatoes	Cheeseburgers
9/27/23 <i>Football Night</i>	Bacon Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, BBQ	Mac & Cheese, Nachos	
10/4/23	Meatloaf	Mashed Potatoes	Hot Dogs
10/11/23	Chicken Parmesan	Pasta	Cheeseburgers

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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16 (ESV)

Our church family needs you. They need you to seek faithful living, show up and serve. They need you to be engaged in the mission and vision we demonstrate, they need you to support our programs and they need you to sing. Yes, that's what I said, your brothers and sisters in worship need you to sing.

For some, singing is their favorite part of worship. For others, music and singing is something to suffer through until the sermon starts. Possibly those uncomfortable with singing in worship find our style of music not to their liking or perhaps their inability to stay on-key makes them self-conscious. Nevertheless, you need to know that when your voice is silent in worship your church suffers.

Scripture is filled with singing – the largest book in the Bible is a collection of songs. Jesus sang (Mark 14:26) and the Apostle Paul makes a direct connection between Christ richly dwelling in us and our singing of hymns and spiritual songs (Colossians 3:16). Singing in worship embraces the truths in our minds and plunges that truth into our heart and soul in a way that draws us to dwell on God's presence. This past Monday morning I awoke singing, "What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus." On Tuesday it was, "If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul, just tell the Love of Jesus..." Both of these are lines from songs sung in our worship on Sunday, still fresh and greeting my new day. There is power in singing these songs and we are transformed in a way that doesn't happen in word alone.

But, please do not think that singing in worship is only about you, there is more. Paul implies that singing together in worship lifts up the whole church. Using your voice to sing in church is your testimony to God's faithfulness. That voice lets everyone around you know that you love Jesus, you love his church and you trust his Good News.

Possibly you do not feel like singing, maybe your soul is pushed down and your faith is dried up. It is in those moments that you should sing the loudest! Let's face it, when life is good you should sing, and nobody is surprised when you do. (Actually they may be surprised when they know life is good for you and you're not singing.) But when the wheels are coming off of your life and you are experiencing adversity and pain – that is the time when your singing becomes a powerful witness to God's faithfulness. Your singing in worship just may be the sermon someone close by needs to hear most. Let it out!

The most powerful way for you to serve your church family in worship this Sunday may simply be to sing. Do not underestimate what's about to happen when that music starts.

Blessings,

Pastor Tom

WLUMC Night at the Philadelphia Phillies

WLUMC night at the Phillies was a great night! We were blessed to have great weather and our seats were under a roof too, which made it very pleasant.

We appreciated our wonderful bus driver, Bill Smith, from Klein's Transportation. Most of the men complimented him on his backing up skills when he was parking the bus.

Since being away from the ballpark for three years, we were all glad to be back in Citizen's Bank Park with our church family. And the Phillies gave us a great show - winning, losing, and pulling out the win in the end! The sellout crowd made the game very exciting. We love our Phillies! We are looking forward to next year's game!

-Lori Madara



PAINTING ON THE PORCH

September 13

6:00 - 7:30 PM



A Family Commemorative Plate Painting Event

West Lawn families are invited to our second annual family event on the porch of 100 Woodside Avenue!

Parents and children can join us on the porch as we create a commemorative plate painting masterpiece under the guidance of Children and Family ministries leaders, Kelly Rismiller & Laurie Jentes.

These one-of-a-kind plates can be personalized for birthdays, Christmas, special recognitions, or any event you want to celebrate in your home! All materials and supplies will be provided. Registration is required so that we can prepare enough materials. This event is designed especially for families with children age 3-12; however, all are invited!

LITTLE ACTS OF LOVE
ANNUAL
GOLF
TOURNAMENT

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First Hole-In-One
at designated hole
wins a car provided by
Bob Fisher Chevrolet

\$340 TEAM
\$85 INDIVIDUAL

**FRIDAY
 SEPTEMBER 22
 1 PM
 Scramble Format**

**GALEN HALL GOLF COURSE
 WERNERSVILLE, PA
 CALL 484-258-2086 OR EMAIL
 CHAIR@LITTLEACTSOFFLOVE.NET**

We invite you to join us for our Annual Golf Tournament which is being held at the Galen Hall Golf Course on Friday, September 22, 2023. This outing is more than just a great afternoon of golfing. Little Acts of Love will be celebrating twelve years of service as a nonprofit 501(c)3 in Berks County. Little Acts of Love restores hope and improves the quality of life to the elderly, disabled, low income and veteran homeowners by providing home repairs at no cost. All work is completed by volunteers from our community and local business partners, as well as youth groups and their leaders participating in our Summer Service Camp.

Proceeds from this tournament will be used to further this mission. Help support the cause of Little Acts of Love by signing up to play in the tournament. Complete the form and return it to the address at the bottom of the page with your full payment. Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely, Alice Moyer Executive Director

Little Acts of Love Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, September 22, 2023 Galen Hall Golf Course 645 N Galen Hall Rd, Wernersville, PA 19565
 Registration from 12:00PM to 12:45PM Shot Gun Start at 1PM – Scramble Format

Price \$85.00 per person/ \$340 per Foursome Includes Greens Fees, Cart, Beverages, Dinner and Prizes
 Special Prizes on all Par 3 Holes including a Hole in One Prize Putting Contest and more.

For additional information please call 484-258-2086 or email chair@littleactsoflove.net.
 Proceeds supports Little Acts of Love, a 501(c)3, and their mission in Berks County.
PLEASE RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

PLAYER REGISTRATION (please print)

INDIVIDUAL GOLFER: \$85

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

FOURSOME TEAM: \$340

PLAYER 1: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____
 (CAPTAIN)

PLAYER 2: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PLAYER 3: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PLAYER 4: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please remit this form and payment to:

Little Acts of Love
 PO Box 120
 Wernersville, PA 19565



Did you ever wish you had someone to talk to? Stephen Ministry is here to help you. A Stephen Minister loves and cares for an individual going through hurtful or difficult life circumstances. Stephen Ministers walk alongside a hurting person by providing one-on-one emotional and spiritual care—listening, empathizing, encouraging, helping them process feelings, and connecting them to God's love.

Why did I seek to become a Stephen Minister? To put it simply, I became a Stephen Minister to help others because in helping them, I help myself. I learned what a privilege it is to stand beside others during their most tumultuous times after years in our GriefShare program. My walk with God has always been about becoming a better Christian. Stephen Ministry empowers me to do that by giving me the tools to listen and love others unconditionally.

Whatever your need—compassionate care OR Christian caregiving - Stephen Ministry has something for you. If interested, talk to Lisa Hoopes, because inviting, embracing and empowering others is what West Lawn United Methodist Church is all about!

-Paul Dodge Stephen Ministry Class of 2023

If you are interested in scheduling a baptism or joining the church, please contact the church office at office@westlawnumc.org / 610-678-5611 or one of the pastors.



**THANK YOU
FOR BLOOD GIVING**

We would like to thank all of our donors who came out for the Blood Drive on August 4th. Of the 43 registered donors, 33 units of whole blood were collected by Miller Keystone

Our spring drive is scheduled for April 4, 2024 at the Raffauf Community Center. New donors are always welcome to join our group!

Barbara Wenger, Eileen Williams, Coordinators



WLUMC Plans Trip to Israel in 2024

What would it be like to walk where Jesus walked and to see the land where he lived? What would it be like to reaffirm your baptism in the Jordan river or sail across the Sea of Galilee? You'll have all of these opportunities and many more if you go on the 10 day journey to Israel with Pastor Chris and Education Opportunities Tours from June 18-27, 2024!

Miss the informational meeting? Contact Pastor Chris Hardy for information or to register.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS
MARCH 5, 2024**

September 2023

Wow! Summer flew by! We did lots of things throughout the summer, but one will stick with me for years to come. We took 6 students down to Daytona Florida at the end of July for the National UMC Youth conference – Youth2023! There were 2,500 other youth from UM churches across the world. Together, we worshipped, played games, prayed, attended workshops, and of course, enjoyed the surf & the sand. We are only sad that this event only happens every 4 years, but we can't wait to go back!



Although I will miss the sunny days and fun trips of summer, Fall is when we settle into a great rhythm here at Firehouse Youth. We will be meeting on Sunday evenings up in the Firehouse Café, Sunday mornings in both Sunday School classes & worshipping together. One of my favorite aspects of the youth program is our ability to play together. By playing games, we learn to have fun together, to trust one another, and eventually to trust God.

We will start off the fall by involving the parents in our games.

Sept 10th we will have a Parents vs. Youth Night from 6-7:30pm, complete with prizes, and bragging rights!

I am excited for the relationships our students will form this coming fall as we begin anew, with a new group of 6th graders. God will surely meet our youth in their lives. *-Trisha*

Sept. '23

(See App for more details)

9/3– Labor Day Weekend– No classes or YG

9/10–YOUTH KICK-OFF Sunday
9:30am-6/7th SS

Room change–in Ed Bdg Rm 110

4:30– Confirmation Mtg

6-8pm Parents vs. Youth–

Fall Kick-off Youth Group

9/17– 9:30am -6/7th SS

6-8pm- Youth Group

9/24– 9:30am- 6/7th SS

6-8pm-Youth Group

9/29- Ignite Weekend (6-12th gr)

Confirmation Class

Our Confirmation Class is making some changes this year, as we are hoping to do more experiential learning. We will be integrating our lives together with our faith, and not just 60 mins every Sunday morning.

If you know a child that is currently in 8th grade or older, we will be having a get-to-know-you pizza time for Parents & Students on September 10th from 4:30-5:30pm up in the Firehouse Cafe.

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



WLUMC

Children & Family

MINISTRIES

Kelly Rismiller
Director of Children's and Family Ministry
610-678-5611 or 610-507-9141
kelly@westlawnumc.org

As we begin a new school year, Children and Family Ministries will also start a new season of programming, events and mission! Here's a snapshot of our offerings for this fall. Refer to the West Lawn App for more details, or contact Kelly Rismiller at 610-507-9141, kelly@westlawnumc.org.

Tween Group (Grades 4-5)

Sunday Nights: 6:00-7:30 PM
September 10
September 24
October 8
October 22
November 5
November 19
December 3
December 17

Kids Club (Grades 2-3)

Sunday Nights: 6:00-7:30 PM
September 10
September 24
October 8
October 22
November 5
November 19
December 3
December 17

Kids Stay and Play

Tuesday Nights: 6:15-8:15 PM
Thursday Nights: 7-9 PM

While parents are onsite engaged in small groups, Bible studies, Young Adult ministries, or more, children of all ages are invited to stay and play upstairs in our preschool classrooms or nursery with our childcare team. Snacks are provided.

Special Events and Mission

Wednesday, September 13: 6:00 PM
Family Event: Painting on the Porch (At WLUMC)

Wednesday, October 4: 5:30 PM
Preschool Event: Preschool Dine & Play (At WLUMC)

Friday, October 13: 5:30 PM
Saturday, October 14: 8 AM
Family Mission Project: Help Build Hope (At WLUMC)

Wednesday, October 18: 7:00 PM
Spring Township Halloween Parade - **Who wants to build this year's float?**

Saturday, November 11: 11:00 AM
Fall Festival, Pinewood Derby & Chili Contest (At WLUMC)

Wednesday, November 29: 5:30 PM
Preschool Event: Preschool Dine & Play (At WLUMC)

Friday, December 1: 7:00 PM
All Church Event: Christmas Tree Lighting (At WLUMC)

Sunday, December 10: 10:30 AM
Family Event: Christmas Craft Workshop (At WLUMC)





Help Build Hope Onsite Mission Project

West Lawn is partnering with Help Build Hope to build house frame walls by building partnerships, building relationships, building community, and building homes, through hosting a local mission project in our parking lot on

October 13—14, 2023.

During this event, we will essentially build the frame structure for a small house, that will then be given to a family in need to achieve affordable home ownership. The walls we build will provide a way to reduce cost for Habitat for Humanity and Fuller Centers for Housing and allow them to completely finish the homes faster.

We invite our entire congregation, regardless of

age, experience or expertise, to help with the build. We are seeking around 120 volunteers to serve over the course of the two days.

Here are the ways anyone age 5 and older can help:

Cut Session Volunteers - Friday, October 13 5:30-8 PM

25-30 adults are needed to assist the Help Build Hope staff with cutting the material for a one-house build event. The skill sets for the cut session are as follows:

- 4-6 individuals who are comfortable operating power saw /measuring and cutting accurate measurements within 1/16.
- 4-6 individuals are needed to label the cut lumber with a marker.
- 4-6 individuals to carry the cut and labeled lumber to the appropriate area designated by the Help Build Hope staff.

The remainder of the individuals will work to attach Vinyl to top and bottom plates.

Build Day Crew Leaders - Friday, October 13 / 5:30-8 PM and Saturday, October 14 / 8-11 AM

We will need a set of crew leaders on build day that have framing experience and/or have training by Help Build Hope staff after the cut session. The ideal ratio for crew leaders is one (1) crew leader to 6-7 participants. The time commitment for this volunteer would be one hour after the cut session and the duration of the build event. Because of liability concerns, no one under 21 can be a crew leader.

Build Day Volunteers - Saturday, October 14 8-11 AM

We need 75 volunteers to assemble the walls.

Loading Volunteers - Saturday, October 14 12-1 PM

We need 20 volunteers to assist Help Build Hope staff in disassembling and loading the house. This group of volunteers should have the ability to lift heavy objects.

Hospitality - Saturday, October 14 8-11 AM

Everybody loves goodies when they are working hard! This team will help our volunteers stay hydrated and fed throughout the morning.

Sign up today on our app or call the Church Office for one of these many positions, and be part of this unique onsite mission project this fall!



A MINISTRY OF WEST LAWN
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CRAFT & VENDOR BAZAAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WEST LAWN UMC RAFFAUF COMMUNITY CENTER
101 WOODSIDE AVE., WEST LAWN

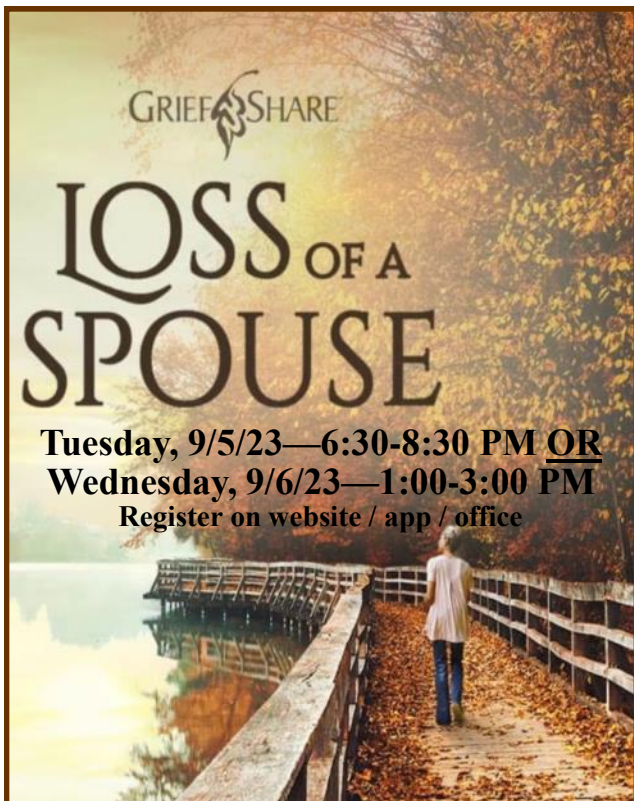
BREAKFAST - LUNCH - BAKED GOODS

In addition to more than 30 vendors, guests are invited to buy pre-packed baked goods, enjoy breakfast and lunch foods, plus pick up pre-ordered soup, barbecue and apple dumplings.

Pre-register for a bazaar table. Limited spaces are available. Contact Sharon Rutherford for pricing and details: 610-468-9427.

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GRIEF SHARE

LOSS OF A SPOUSE

**Tuesday, 9/5/23—6:30-8:30 PM OR
Wednesday, 9/6/23—1:00-3:00 PM**
Register on website / app / office



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**Wednesdays
Beginning 9/13/23
1:00—3:00 PM or
6:30—8:30 PM**
Register on website / app / office



Gring's Mill Walk & Picnic

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

at the Gring's Mill Wertz Red Bridge Recreational Area
September 21, 2023 ● 10:30am - 12:30pm

Early fall is a great time for a walk! West Lawn women are welcome to gather at the Wertz Red Bridge parking lot, at Gring's Mill, for a walk through the paths, followed by a picnic lunch in the pavilion near the parking lot. Please bring your own lunch and beverage.

The walk will begin at 10:30 AM. Register on our app or website.
Wertz Red Bridge Recreational Area, 2141 Tulpehocken Rd, Wyomissing

Contact: Patti Chubb, 610-914-4318, prchubb@gmail.com





SAFE HAVEN
Lighthouse

Safe Haven Lighthouse is beginning a new school year for our ministry. We are excited to welcome back our students from last year, and we are looking forward to new students as well.

We meet every Wednesday, between Labor Day and Memorial Day, that Wilson School District has a full day of school, from 3:00 until 5:30 PM. We provide a snack, Bible lesson, games, and homework help, and we go on several field trips throughout the school year.

We are blessed to have our wonderful volunteers who make this ministry successful. We couldn't do our ministry without them: Bonnie Rissmiller, Barbara Coots, Carolyn Weller, Laura Trewella, Jeannie Hetrich, myself, our bus driver, Frank Paull, and fill-in driver, Warren Marweg, and our teen helpers, Jenica Garcia, Ava Milam and Dariel Colon.

Your continued prayers for our ministry are appreciated.
Peace,

Lori Madara and Bonnie Rissmiller

New Online ZOOM Bible Study Beginning Late September: "Anxious for Nothing"

From the comfort of your home, everyone is invited to join a new Tuesday evening Bible Study, beginning September 26, from 7-8:30 PM using the ZOOM platform. This study, titled "Anxious for Nothing," is a 5-session video class that will explore God's treatment plan for anxiety found in Philippians 4: 4-8. Together we will look at the peace that "transcends all understanding," and reframe the way we look at fear and anxiety.

Charlie Soper will be leading this online class study. Charlie is a retired elder from the Greater New Jersey Conference and recently, together with his wife, Diane, became part of our West Lawn congregation.

While anxiety is part of life, it doesn't have to dominate your life. With God as your helper and his promise at your side, you can sleep better tonight and smile more tomorrow. You can talk yourself off the ledge and view bad news through the lens of God's sovereignty. You can discover a life of calm and develop tools for combating the onslaught of anxiety. If you feel weighed down with worry, if the uncertainty and chaos of life keeps you up at night, if irrational fears are your constant companion and you could use some calm, this is a great study for you to consider. To sign up for the class, contact Charlie at csoper58@gmail.com, 732-300-7410.

A link will be emailed to you so that you can join the class on your computer, smartphone, or tablet wherever you may be. A study sheet will also be emailed to you for each lesson.

REMINDER...

Preschool apple tree donations are due to the church by Sunday, September 3rd. Monetary gifts are accepted year round.

Thank you for your support!



Bible Studies and Small Groups to BEGIN!!

Mark your calendars for an exciting season of Bible Study and Faith Exploration. Watch your bulletins for additional Bible Studies forming! (EB = Education Building; CC = Community Center; WW = Woodside West)

Start Date/Day/Time	Bldg./Room	Study
Mondays / 7:00 PM	Music Room	Monday Evening Bible Study (lrfreeze@verizon.net)
Mondays / 7:00 PM	EB / 109	Men's Bible Study (alex.massengale@verizon.net)
Tuesdays / 6:15 PM	EB / 204-6	Kid's Stay & Play (Kelly@westlawnumc.org)
Tuesdays / 6:15 PM	EB / 110	Families with Young Children (erin.percinsky@gmail.com)
Tuesdays / 6:30 PM	WW / 1st Flr	Mom's Time (Kelly@westlawnumc.org)
Tuesdays / 7:00 PM	Zoom Starts 9/26	"Anxious For Nothing" (csoper58@gmail.com)
Wednesdays / 9:30 AM	EB / 109	Wednesday Morning Bible Study (tom@westlawnumc.org)
Wednesdays / 7:00 PM	WW / 1st Flr	Pastor's Mid-Week Bible Study (tom@westlawnumc.org)
Wednesdays / 7:00 PM	CC / Conf. Rm	Women's Book Club (2nd Wednesday of the month; dmbbart2@gmail.com)
Wednesdays / 8:30 PM	Zoom	Young Families Small Group (trisha@westlawnumc.org)
Thursdays / 9:30 AM	EB / 109	Pastor Lisa's Bible Study (lhoopes@comcast.net)
Fridays / 7:00 PM	Zoom	Social Justice Group (via Zoom— jander678@gmail.com)
Sunday / 9:30 AM	EB / 109	Table Talk
Sunday / 9:30 AM	WW / 1st Flr	Barth Class
Sunday / 9:30 AM	EB / 112	Pairs & Spares Class
Sunday / 11:00 AM	WW / 1st Flr	Table Talk Class

Mary's Shelter loses funding for "helping too many homeless kids"

YES, that statement is true! To be told, during an inspection, "the programs are amazing, and we'd like to use Mary's Shelter as a model for others, but we can no longer fund you" was just so hard to believe. It all comes down to having too many bedrooms now that the lower level is completed.

Mary's Shelter is here for the long haul. Our supporters are amazing! And we need your support now more than ever. Our young people think of themselves as "unlovable, unwanted and even disposable." We know that isn't true.

We want these kids to know they are wanted, important, worthy, and lovable! The most amazing part of our work is when they begin to believe these words. They begin to believe in themselves, and they begin to shine.

Let's show these kids that we are "All-in" and committed to helping them achieve the better, brighter, and beautiful future they deserve. Thank you for being the "family and friends" they need at this crucial time in their lives.



Christine Folk, RN
Executive Director

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

*Save the Date***Reading-Berks 42nd Annual
CROP HUNGER WALK****October 8, 2023****Grings Mill**www.crophungerwalk.org/ReadingPA**United
Women
in Faith**

United Women in Faith will meet on Tuesday, September 19 at 11:30am in Hebrews Café. The theme is "Living Our Purpose". We are gathering small quilts for Lighthouse at Hope Rescue Mission. Bring your lunch and beverage.

The South District United Women in Faith Day Apart is Wednesday, September 20 from 9am to 2:30pm at Camp Innabah, Spring City, PA. Cost for lunch is \$14.00. Reservations due by Sept. 10 to Becky Givler at 610-383-4197 or beckyg48@verizon.net

Questions about United Women in Faith, contact Anna Bickhart (610-670-1671) or Harriett Ziegenfuss (610-678-3107)



Please join us for a

**Community Garden
Party**

Meal Courtesy of the Penn State Master
Gardeners and Reformation Lutheran Church

Dishes to share welcome



September 21st, 6-8pm
430 N. 2nd Street, Reading

RSVP by September 14th to:
cjones@opphouse.org

**WOMEN'S**

Women's Book Club will meet Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00PM in the Community Center Conference Room to discuss *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. October's book is *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict.

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 or 610-678-7873.

The next Wilson Area Food Pantry distribution will be on September 15th from 3:00-5:30PM in the WLUMC Community Center. Pre-registration is preferred and can be scheduled by calling 484-525-0980.



Donations accepted weekdays in the church office. Thank you!



GOLF SCRAMBLE TO BENEFIT NEWJOURNEY COMMUNITY OUTREACH, INC.

SEPTEMBER 8TH

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(per golfer)

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- dinner
- drinks
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TAP & PRO
TAVERN SERVICES

Let's get fundraising!

There will be a soup, BBQ and apple dumpling sale on Saturday, October 14th from 9:00—2:00 PM. Items must be pre-ordered to be picked up on this date. **Orders will be taken between worship services (9:00—11:00 AM) on September 24th and October 1st in the breezeway.**

Soups will be: *Chicken Noodle, Tomato Basil Bisque, and Cream of Potato Leek.* All soups and BBQ are \$10.00 per quart; apple dumplings are \$6.00 each.

For more information, please contact Carol Lochman at 610-301-9595 or Eileen Bare at 610-781-7870. **Proceeds will benefit WLUMC Youth Scholarships.**



Our Newest Members

August 13

Hannah Crosby

Hannah Crosby recently moved back to Pennsylvania from North Carolina and was looking for a new church home. After visiting several churches, she came to West Lawn UMC and immediately felt like it was the right place for her. She lives in the Sinking Spring area with her golden retriever dog Nola. Hannah enjoys reading, going for walks, cooking and spending time with family when not busy at her job as a proposal specialist. Welcome Hannah!

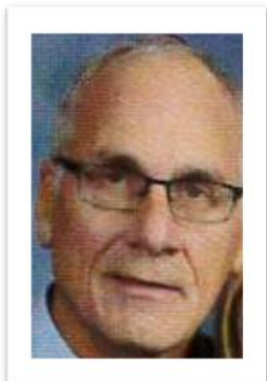
Diane & Charles Soper

Diane and Charles Soper recently moved to the Reading area from New Jersey to be closer to family. Their daughter Alycia Kauffman and her family are members here at WLUMC. They look forward to participating in the many activities here at West Lawn such as music, Men's Group, softball and missions as well as spending time with their grandkids and family. Welcome Diane & Charles!

In Loving Memory



Louise M. Coleman
7/9/1949 – 8/3/2023



James Kuhle
5/9/1949 – 8/17/2023

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone, iPad
& Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



SEPTEMBER

OUR PASTORS:

Tom Ebersole

Chris Hardy

Terry Cooney

Lisa Hoopes

Sunday Worship

8:00 am Traditional Worship

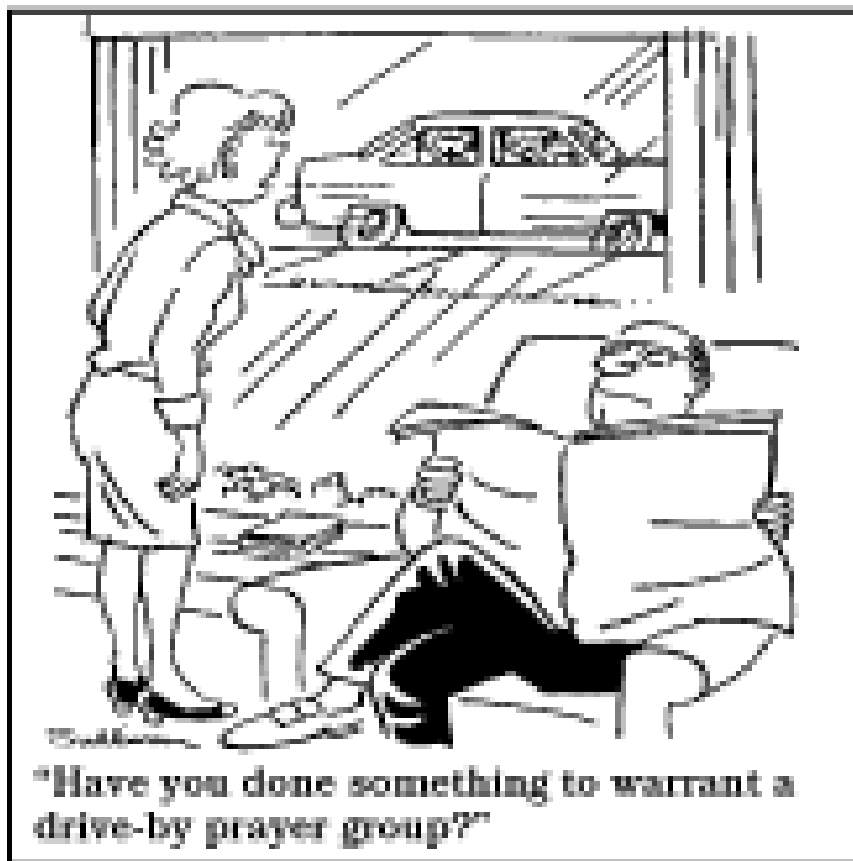
9:30 am Praise Worship

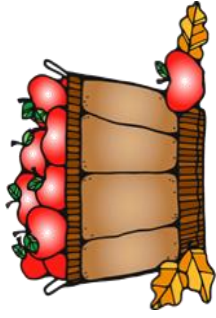
11:00 am Traditional Worship



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Every Sunday:

8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:00 am Fellowship Time
9:30 am Contemporary Worship
9:30 am Sunday School for All
9:30 am Barth Memorial Class
10:30 am Fellowship Time
11:00 am Traditional Worship
11:00 am Table Talk

Every Wednesday:

7:14 am Prayer Service
9:30 am Pastor Tom's Bible Study
1:00 pm Griefshare (beg. 8/13)
3:30 pm Safe Haven Lighthouse
4:30 pm WLW Dinner
6:00 pm Jr./Sr. Youth Group
6:15 pm Kid's Stay & Play
6:15 pm Young Fam. Sm. Group
6:30 pm Griefshare
7:00 pm Men 35-55
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00 pm Social Justice Bible Study (Zoom)	2 8:30 am Women's Exercise Group 9:30 am OA
3 See Sunday Worship @ Left	4 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm OA	5 6:30 pm Loss of a Spouse 7:00 pm NA 7:00 pm Young Adult Night	6 1:00 pm Loss of a Spouse	7 9:30 am Pastor Lisa's Study 4:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 pm Divorce Care 7:00 pm El Buen Pastor 7:00 pm Praise Team Reh.	8 7:00 pm Social Justice Bible Study (Zoom)	9 8:30 am Women's Exercise Group 9:00 am FOG 9:30 am OA
10 See Sunday Worship @ Left Baptisms/New Members 4:30 pm OPP House Prep 6:00 pm Kid's Club/Tween Gp	11 6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtgs 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm OA 7:00 pm Monday Night Study	12 Board of Ordained Min 6:30 pm Prayer Team Mtg, 7:00 pm Young Adult Night 7:00 pm NA	13 6:00 pm Painting on the Porch 7:00 pm Women's Bookclub	14 9:30 am Pastor Lisa's Study 12:30 pm Food Pantry Setup 4:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 pm Divorce Care 7:00 pm El Buen Pastor 7:00 pm Praise Team Reh.	15 3:00 pm Food Pantry 7:00 pm Social Justice Bible Study (Zoom)	16 8:30 am Women's Exercise Group 9:30 am OA
17 See Sunday Worship @ Left	18 9:00 am After Griefshare 6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtgs 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm OA 7:00 pm Monday Night Study	19 9:30 am Soul Café 11:30 am UWF 6:15 pm Kid's Stay & Play 6:30 pm Mom Time 7:00 pm Young Adult Night 7:00 pm NA	20 12:00 pm Griefshare Part 2	21 9:30 am Pastor Lisa's Study 4:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 pm Divorce Care 7:00 pm El Buen Pastor 7:00 pm Praise Team Reh.	22 9:00 am Newsletter Assembly 7:00 pm Social Justice Bible Study (Zoom)	23 8:30 am Women's Exercise Group 9:30 am OA
24 See Sunday Worship @ Left 4:00 pm Hope Rescue Mission 6:00 pm Kid's Club/Tween Gp	25 4:30 pm Opp House Prep 6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtgs 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm OA 7:00 pm Monday Night Study	26 6:15 pm Kid's Stay & Play 6:30 pm Mom Time 7:00 pm Leadership Team 7:00 pm Young Adult Night 7:00 pm NA	27	28 9:30 am Pastor Lisa's Study 4:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 pm Divorce Care 7:00 pm El Buen Pastor 7:00 pm Praise Team Reh.	29 7:00 pm Social Justice Bible Study (Zoom)	30 8:30 am Women's Exercise Group 9:30 am OA



September Birthdays



SEPTEMBER 1

Robert Angstadt
Robert Hughes
Meredith McGrath
Jocelyn Reber
Cathy Rittle
Tracey Wagner
Chelsea Weber
Mark Wisniewski

SEPTEMBER 2

Debra Bortz
Harry Hall
Betty Jackson
Jessica Karacz
Jody Karacz
Joe Marsden
Amanda Mikes
Ross Ricketts
Deborah Schneider
Robert Stout

SEPTEMBER 3

Kenneth Bock
Barbara Depsky DeFalco
Jared Hayick
Olivia Huls
Robert Sweitzer
Donald Westley*

SEPTEMBER 4

Justin Behrenshausen
Althea Harmon
Corey Hunter
Rose Mercer
Beth Perine
Catherine Weitzel

SEPTEMBER 5

LeRoy Christman
Lisa Delewski
Holly Foster
Brenda Grant
Shawne Weinhold

SEPTEMBER 6

Terry Gordon
Kathleen O'Donnell
Nasir Peace
Megan Swearingen

SEPTEMBER 7

Louise Bressler
Sandra Burt
Todd Ebling
James Herbein
Michael Kershner
Michael King
Theodore Puc
Linda Ramsey
Gary Stump
Grace Swartz

Heidi Swartz
Ian Swartz
Marilynne
Wiederspahn
Tod Witman

SEPTEMBER 8

Gwendolyn Gaenzle*
Randal Gardner
Teisha Hardy
Jane Moyer
Robert Phillips
Helen Rothenberger

SEPTEMBER 9

Kim Filer
Lisa Hoopes
Jacqueine Lawler
Lyndell Mason
Glenn Opel
Erin Weaver
William West
Kimberly Wixon
Galen Wyrick

SEPTEMBER 10

David Crissman
Erin Gusley
Jessica McAllister

SEPTEMBER 11

Kevin Focht
Michael Melnyk
Patrick O'Leary
Dorthea Schrader
Eric Werner

SEPTEMBER 12

Kelly Bagdon
Adam Englehart
Jenna Haas
C Houser
Kayleaha Lutz
Hope Martin
Dustin Martin
Richard Mextorf
Susan Noecker
Kerry Pawling
Barry Rittle
Rebekkah Thomas
Hilary Weaver

SEPTEMBER 13

Wynne Cloud
Terrance Cooney
Alex High
Deborah Kochel
Robin Lewars

SEPTEMBER 14

Ryan Bubb
Marilyn Faughner

Stephanie Lee
Julia Reber
Stephen Snyder
Ralph Stamm
Jayme Trogus

SEPTEMBER 15

Heather Chasarik
Noah Dutt
Stephen Higgins
Lyda McCarty
Matthew Miller
Christopher Ott
Ann Papada
Wendy Sharets
Austin Zalmanek

SEPTEMBER 16

Andrea Behrenshausen
Susan Henry
Jennifer Johnson
Michael Kochel
Edward Lensie
Maria Mickey
Sharon Miller
Dena Perez
Lisa Sechrist
Sarah Tibbetts

SEPTEMBER 17

Arthur Brendel
Mitchell Hettinger
Kathy Kauffman
Stephanie Kurtz
John Moyer
Dorothy Ritter
Ryan Swavely
William Wildman

SEPTEMBER 18

Lisa Gallagher
Joanne Zweizig

SEPTEMBER 19

Laura Depasquale
Terry Hauschild
Joseph Kieffer
Michael Mathis
Lauren Mercer
Madysen Miller
Nancy Poole
Megan Tornielli
Albert Wicks
Chris Wiederspahn

SEPTEMBER 20

Logan Baldwin
Robert Griffith
Stephanie Lamison
Ethan Lasher
Curtis Minich
Steven Van Winkle

SEPTEMBER 21

Melissa Bertolet
Jennifer Conner
Joyce Eager
Leslie Harris
Christopher Magee
Sharon McLean
Ruth Shaffer
Jeffrey Warmkessel
Carolyn Weller

SEPTEMBER 22

Irving Bressler
Paul German
John Hoag
Jacob Witman

SEPTEMBER 23

Michael Dutt
Craig Seda
Jacob Walsh
Sara Wicks

SEPTEMBER 24

Roberta Hoffert
James Moorman
Morgan Rath
Stephanie
Romberger
Dean Vandersall

SEPTEMBER 25

Ryan Gittler
Garrett Gittler
Twila Goetz
Melody Malia
Carol Miller
Laila Moore
Stanley Roberts
Christopher Rodgers
Shawn White

SEPTEMBER 26

Audrey Brackman
Warren Marweg
Ray Miller
Cheryl Moore
Steven Noecker
Larry Smith
Kristen Zimmerman

SEPTEMBER 27

Stephanie Adam
Kara Aughinbaugh
Barbara Bankes
Dee Mathis
Amy Traffas

SEPTEMBER 28

George Bayliss
Michael Ketner
Carl Loeper

Jonathan Moore
Jeff Rapp
Stefan Rohal
Cooper Young
Brian Zillhardt

SEPTEMBER 29

Rick Dierolf
Jocelyn Moyer
Robin Salyards
Robert Tier

SEPTEMBER 30

Erika Beidelman
Robert Emerson
Lisa Evans
Kyle Moyer
Natalie Ohlinger
Brittany Row
Linda Shaner
Kelli West



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