

**December 10 2023****SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

Join us for worship at 8:45 and 11 am. Both worship services will be livestreamed. Watch them on our website at umcwc.org. All services are archived on YouTube. Go to YouTube and type in West Chester UMC.

COFFEE IN THE GATHERING AREA

Please join us in the Gathering Area following the 8:45 worship service for a time of fellowship and coffee. Proceeds go to support our youth ministry.

PRAYER LINK

To receive the prayer link email Luanne Sims at lsimsumcwc@gmail.com. Please send prayer requests to Rev. Brooks at tbrooksumcwc@gmail.com.

GIVING

Online Giving: go to our website umcwc.org/giving. Click the link for online giving. Enter the amount and select the fund to which you would like to donate.

Text Giving: follow the instructions below. Adjust the dollar amount to match the amount you would like to give.

General Fund	Text UMCWC \$50 to 73256
Mission of the Month	Text UMCWC MISSION \$50 to 73256
Building Fund	Text UMCWC BUILDING \$50 to 73256
Rise Against Hunger	Text UMCWC HUNGER \$50 to 73256
Amber Allan	Text UMCWC AMBER \$50 to 73256

Gifts given to the Mission of the Month for December go to support Africa University providing scholarships to students from African nations who attend the United Methodist college in Zimbabwe.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES - 10:00 AM

Children ages 2-grade 5 - Meeting in rooms 6&7. For information contact Kelly Lynn (Kelly@umcwc.org)

Youth Bible Study and Confirmation Class -

Meeting in the Youth Room. For information contact Cory Smith (cory@umcwc.org).

Adults

Mustard Seed Class - Meeting in room 12

Seekers-Meeting in room 7

Upper Room-Meeting in the Chapel

For information contact Rev. Mercedes Case (Mercedes@umcwc.org)

**SERMON SERIES**

Dec. 3: What if I Missed It?

Dec. 10: Playing the Villain

Dec. 17: A Curious People

Dec. 24: When God Shows Up

Decorate the church this Christmas with a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Cost of a plant is \$12. You can also give a mission donation. This year the gift to mission will go to our Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event. Orders must be placed by Dec 13. Order cards were mailed and can also be found in the Gathering Area. Poinsettias will be in the church on Dec. 17 and can be picked up after the 7 pm worship service on Christmas Eve.

Bell Ringing Sign up in the Gathering Area. We still have some slots on Saturday 12/23 at Shop Rite. For questions, contact Deb Murray at 610-368-4052.

West Chester Band Holiday Concert Tuesday, Dec. 12 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Blue Christmas
A service of remembrance and hope
SUNDAY DEC. 17 7:00 PM
WEST CHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH
For anyone who mourns a loss this year. Please let one of the pastors know if you will be attending.

We are collecting new children's toys, wrapping paper and bows for Doris Haley's Christmas parties. Last year she had two parties with 100 children attending each. The gifts can be placed in the box by the elevator through December 17th. She very much appreciates the support that our Church provides to her ministry throughout the year.


Christmas Eve
10 am Worship
4 pm Family Candlelight Service
7 pm Service of Lessons and Carols
11pm Candlelight Communion

Thanks to all who contribute to our collections for **Ronald McDonald House**. Pastor Keller has more than 500 toiletries and four gallon bags of tabs to deliver during the Christmas Holidays. Ronald McDonald House provides housing for families with children in Nemours Children's Hospital, many of whom come suddenly and don't have the opportunity to prepare to stay for a prolonged period and appreciate the toiletries that we provide.

Join us for Wednesday Night Out. Dinner in the Fiesta Center at 6 PM followed by adult studies, children's choirs and adult handbells. The cost is \$8.00 (discount for larger families) for a delicious meal and lots of good fellowship.

Keep dropping those donations into the Eagles bucket. We're getting closer to our goal of \$14,000 to package 35,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger on Jan. 15, but we're not there yet. Thank you for your support.

Plan ahead. On Sunday, Dec. 31st, we will only be having just one worship service at 10 am in the Fiesta Center. It will be preceded by a continental breakfast at 9:15 am.



Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-to-one confidential Christian care to people who are going through a tough time. If you would like someone to talk with you as you deal with these feelings a Stephen Minister can help. Our Stephen Ministers will meet you in-person, by phone, and/or via Zoom. Please contact Kelly Lynn (Kelly@umcwc.org).



Safe Harbor Lunches Update

We continue to provide 25-30 lunches on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Sally Bopp is the new coordinator of this program. Right now Sally is handling the lunch signup through emails. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please email her at: srbopp47@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays at 9:30 am
in room 12
All women are invited.
Contact Sue Oliver at 610-594-0257 or
eaglesbrad@aol.com for more info

SUNSHINE MEMORY CAFÉ

Tuesdays from 1-2:30 PM
in the Fiesta Center or
East Goshen Park Veterans Pavillion



A welcoming place where persons with memory loss and their care partner can enjoy activities, share stories, and socialize. Know someone who might benefit? Contact Adean Bridges (610-349-3401) or adean0413@gmail.com).

SERVICE AND SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

- Act in Faith** - Act in Faith is in need of food, toiletries, and cleaning supplies. Items can be placed in on the table in the lounge area of the Gathering Area. Thank you! The ministry is growing. They need more volunteers to meet the needs of our community. Contact Hallie Romanowski at actinfaithgwc.org.
- Live flowers for the Lord's Table:** The cost for each arrangement is \$40. Orders must be placed at least 2 weeks ahead. To place flowers in memory of or in honor of the loved one please call the church office (610-696-5190) or email Sue (shaughumcwc@gmail.com). Send your payment to the church office with a notation that it is for flowers. (You will not receive a bill.)
- The Pastor Jo Higgins Children's Library** is open. It's located on the lower level by the elevator. There are books for 1 year olds through teenagers. New books are being added regularly. COME AND ENJOY!!
- Ushers and greeters are needed** for both worship services. For info write "usher" in the Friendship Folder or contact Tony Piccone (apic13@outlook.com).
- Communion Servers Needed** - No special skills required. We celebrate communion on the 1st Sunday of each month. If interested in being part of this ministry, contact Nancy Holland at hollandnancy31@gmail.com. We also need people to clean up communion after the 11 am worship service. Let Nancy know if you can help with this.
- Children and Youth in Grades 3-12 are needed** to light and extinguish the candles at the 8:45 service. Email Carin at crawfordcarin@gmail.com for more information.
- Pop Tab Recycling Program** Keep saving them. The tabs convert to \$\$ that provide short-term housing assistance to families of Al DuPont patients and allows them to be close to and support their loved ones during their hospital stays.
- We are still collecting** unused hotel toiletries for our church's *Clean Sweep Program*. Items go to Ronald McDonald House, Safe Harbor, and Salvation Army. Place items in the basket by the elevator in the Gathering Area.
- Blessing box** - As the weather gets colder, don't forget to help us keep our Blessing Box supplied. This is a way for us to directly provide relief for individuals and families in economic crisis. Let's supply our blessing box with items like this: canned food with ring-pulls (our homeless neighbors don't have can openers), hand warmers, crackers, peanut butter, small packets of tissues, bottled water, non-perishable foods. Be a blessing to those in need.