



February 8, 2026

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, teach us and empower us to be courageous when we share your message - **the same way Jesus was and did.**

Send us to those who are rejected and to those who are in need -

to know there is hope of love and acceptance by God and by us.

God, empower us to embrace and love the rejected, those in need, those who have hurt us, and the oppressed.

God, anoint us to go into the highways of the world to share your message of hope.

OPENING HYMN NO. 399

Take My Life, and Let it Be

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we confess we have fallen short of our call to go into the world and share your message. We have kept your word inside our temples and homes instead of taking it out to those who are oppressed and to those who are oppressors. We have not consoled the grieving. We have not supported those who are suffering. Help us, O Jesus, to regain our commitment to share your message the way you did. Amen.

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

SUNG RESPONSE No. 191, vs. 1

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

ANTHEM *Zacchaeus*
Junior Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Education and Growth Opportunities

Sunday School for all ages is at 10:00 AM	
Children's Sunday School (Rm 4-5)	
Youth Sunday School (Youth Rm)	
Adult Sunday School	
Mustard Seed (Rm 12)	
Seekers (Rm 7)	
Upper Room (Chapel)	
Women's Bible Study	Wednesdays at 9:30 AM
Men's Bible Study	Wednesdays at 7:30 AM
Youth Group	Sundays at 6:00 PM
Pastor Jo Higgins Children's Library - Books for 1 year olds through teenagers. Located on the lower level.	

Connection and Sharing Opportunities

Chancel Choir (Adults)	Thursdays at 6:30 PM
Children's Choir	Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Praise Team	Wednesdays at 7:15 PM
Carillon Choir	Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
Sunshine Memory Café	Tuesdays at 1:00 PM
A welcoming place for persons with memory loss and their care partner.	
Coffee With the Pastor	2nd Monday, 10 AM, at Gramm's Diner Wednesday Night Out Dinner
Wednesdays at 5:45 PM	
Retired Men's Lunch Group	2nd Wednesday at 11:30 AM
United Women in Faith	1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM, Sept-May
Circles meet at various times throughout the month.	
Web Dance	1st Sunday of each month, 6:00 pm, Sept-May
High school hosted themed dance party for adults with intellectual disabilities	

Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, and Service

ACT Now (formerly Act In Faith) - Items for their Community Cupboard can be dropped off at the table in the Gathering Area. Donations of paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, all purpose cleaner, and laundry detergent are needed, as these items are not available at other cupboards.

Unused hotel toiletries needed - Items go to Ronald McDonald House, Safe Harbor, and Salvation Army. Place items in the basket by the elevator in the Gathering Area.

Stephen Ministry - Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one confidential lay caring ministry for people who are going through a tough time. If you would like more information about how one of our trained Stephen Ministers can walk with you during this time, contact Kelly Lynn (Kelly@umcwc.org).

PRAYER NEEDS - The full list of prayer concerns can be found on the round table in the Gathering Area. Requests are also sent through our "Prayer Link". To receive the prayer link contact Luanne Sims (lsimsumcwc@gmail.com). To submit a prayer request, please sign the form in the friendship folder or contact Pastor Cyndi (pastorcyndi@umcwc.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Soup Sale! If you ordered spinach tortellini soup, please pick it up in the Gathering Area today. Orders are still being taken for chicken vegetable and also sausage with vegetables and beans (pick up date Feb. 22). Cost is \$10/quart. Order in the Gathering Area. Proceeds go to support the various UWF outreach and mission projects.

Lenten Devotional - We will be publishing a daily devotional book written by members of the congregation that you can use during your journey of Lent. Would you be willing to write one of these short devotions based on a scripture that will be provided? You can see the scripture readings and sign up on our website - umcwc.org.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service - February 18, 7:00 pm at Willistown United Methodist Church. We will join the other churches from the West Chester UMC Missionlink.

Parking Tags - New parking tags for 2026 have been ordered and will be distributed as soon as we get them. Please continue to use the current tags until then.

Parish Hall Kitchen Fundraiser "Truffles & Bubbles"— Sunday, Feb. 15, 3-5 pm, Location: 10 W. Barnard St., \$100/person, \$150/couple. Roll and coat your own batch of truffles and enjoy your creations while sipping 3 bubbly pairings. Use the QR code for tickets.



Faith & Wellness -Connecting Communities with Care - February 21, 8:30 am-12 pm, St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church, 689 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA. This morning workshop is geared to connect faith leaders with mental health wellness resources. Sponsored by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Chester County. Highlights include: networking with community partners, Faith in Action Panel Discussion, Faith-leader roundtable discussions, presentations from behavioral health providers, resource tables, and practical strategies. The workshop is free. Information on how to register is on the round table in the Gathering Area or at namichescopa.org.