



April 21, 2024

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 April go to support Gretna Glen's Capital Improvement Fund as they continue to update their facilities so that campers and guests can have high quality camping and retreat experiences. Gretnaglen.org

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



"..just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life," (Romans 6:4b). The Bible is full of stories of redemption, change, and hope. Through four of those stories, we will discover how faith in a Risen Jesus can transform our lives for the better here and now. No matter how big or how small we fall, God outstretches God's hand, ready to raise us up.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CELEBRATION DINNER Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00 pm.

All women are invited to celebrate the year of faith and fellowship with an entertaining program and a meal catered by Chef Tony. The cost is \$25 per person and reservations can be made by placing a name on the list at the round table or contacting umcwcuwf@gmail.com. All reservations are due by April 29.

SAFE SANCTUARIES Training Event

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference requires that any church volunteer or staff member who works with children, youth, or vulnerable adults must complete this training on a regular basis. Training will be offered on Sunday, April 28 at 5:00 pm. If you volunteer in any of these areas please plan to attend. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

•If you're donating cookies for the college care packages, please bring them to room 7 by 10 am this Sunday, 4/21.

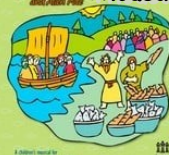
•**SPECIAL THANKS** -In the summer of 2008, four members of our congregation went to Pittsburgh to be trained as Stephen Ministry Leaders. Among them was Peg Kirkey, who has served faithfully as a leader and a Stephen Minister for the past sixteen years. Her empathy and spiritual gifts have provided support for numerous care receivers as well as for her fellow Stephen Ministers. Peg has recently retired from active service in the ministry and we would like to take this opportunity to recognize her many contributions to its success. Thank you, Peg, for all you've done for Stephen Ministry over the years. We will miss you!

•**New Member Class**- A new class is now forming. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining.

•**Wednesday Night Out** - Join us in the Fiesta Center at 6 pm each Wednesday for good food and conversation. The cost of the meal is \$8.00 (discount for larger families). See Beth Buglio for more information.

CHILDREN'S DAY 2024 Sunday, May 5

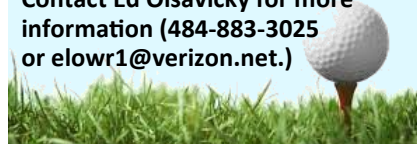
Table for five...
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One
Worship Service
at 10:00 am
Continental
Breakfast at 9:15

The children will lead us in worship and present a fun musical about the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Contact Kelly Lynn (Kelly@umcwc.org) if your child would like to participate

The UMCWC golf league is looking for more golfers and their friends to golf on Tuesday mornings. All experience levels are welcome. Contact Ed Olsavicky for more information (484-883-3025 or elowr1@verizon.net.)



MARK THE DATE!
VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
June 24-27



Are you feeling lost or overwhelmed? Let one of our Stephen Ministers walk with you in this difficult time. 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.

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

- **Women's Bible Study** meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the chapel. All women are invited.
- **Men's Morning Bible Study** - Wednesdays at 7:30 am. For information, contact Brian Krug at (bskrug@hotmail.com)
- **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** - 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.