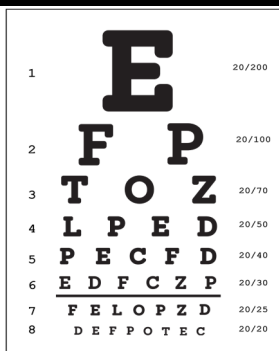


August 31, 2025

# Time for a Spiritual Eye Exam



WELCOME

PRELUDE      *Pipings*      Southbridge

CALL TO WORSHIP

Trust In the Lord and do good.

**May the Lord give strength to the people!**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**God is our strength and refuge.**

OPENING HYMN NO. 454

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and have our being, You created us for Yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in You. Grant us strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing Your will, and no weakness from doing it. In Your light may we see life clearly, and in Your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

*It is Well With My Soul*      arr. John Ness Beck  
Summer Choir

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:22-26

MESSAGE      *Time for a Spiritual Eye Exam*

OFFERING

*You may give your offering by text -*

*Text UMCWC \$50 to 73256, by using the QR code on your screen, at umcwc.org, through the mail, by automated giving through Realm, or by dropping it off at our office. Thank you for your generosity.*

OFFERTORY

*For You I Am Praying*

*Sankey/Schram*

COMMUNION THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS

Let us see life through the eyes of Jesus.

Who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor and dwelt among us.

Who was content to be subject to Mary and Joseph, the child of a poor couple's home.

Who lived for thirty years the common life, earning his living with his own hands, and declining no humble tasks. Whom the people heard gladly, for he understood their ways.

**Lord let us see through the eyes of Jesus.**

Who was mighty in deed, healing the sick and disordered, using for others the power he would not use for himself. Who refused to force peoples allegiance. Who was Master and Lord to his disciples, yet was among them as their companion and as one who served. Whose desire was to do the will of God who sent him.

**Lord let us see through the eyes of Jesus.**

Who loved people, yet retired from them to pray, rose a great while before day, watched through the night, stayed in the wilderness, went up to a mountain, sought a garden. Who, when he would help a

tempted disciple, prayed for him. Who prayed for the forgiveness of those who rejected him, and for the perfecting of those who followed him. Who observed traditions, but defied convention that did not serve the purposes of God. Who hated the sins of pride and selfishness, of cruelty and impurity.

**Lord let us see through the eyes of Jesus.**

Who on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and broke it and blessed it; gave it to Judas first, then the rest of his disciples, saying, "This is my body broken for you." After supper he took the cup and blessed it, saying, "This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and many, drink from this all of you."

**Lord let us see through the eyes of Jesus**

Who believed in people and never despaired of them. Who through all disappointments never lost hope. Who disregarded his own comfort and convenience, and thought first of others' needs; and, though he suffered long, was always kind. Who when he was reviled, uttered no harsh words in return, and when he suffered, did not threaten retaliation. Who humbled himself and carried obedience to the point of death, even death on a cross. Wherefore God has highly exalted him.

**Lord let us see through the eyes of Jesus.**

Let us unite in prayer.

**O Christ, our only Savior, so come to dwell in us that we may go forth with the light of your hope in our eyes, and with your love and faith in our hearts. Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

#### RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

##### COMMUNION HYMNS

No 627      *O the Depth of Love divine*  
No 626      *Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

##### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

##### CLOSING HYMN NO. 60

*I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath*

##### BENEDICTION

God be in your head, and your understanding.  
God be in your eyes, and in your looking.  
God be in your mouth, and in your speaking.  
God be in your heart, and in your thinking.  
God be in your end, and your departing.  
**Amen.**

POSTLUDE    *All Creatures of my God and King*  
arr. Hal Hopson

**Bold text indicates congregational response.**

##### **Worship Participants**

Message: Rev. Thomas Haugh  
Liturgist: Rev. Allen Keller  
Reader: Bruno Streit  
Message for Growing Christians:  
Kristi Largoza  
Guest Summer Choir Director: Mike Muzzo  
Organist: Steve Campitelli, Sarah Cass  
Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,  
Jake Joslin, Heidi Krug, Brad Rush,  
Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith

#### **WORSHIP AND CHURCH PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Join us at 10:00 am at West Goshen Community Park, 1023 Fern Hill Road, West Chester. We will worship together followed by a picnic and activities. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, and paper products will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, as well as your favorite lawn chair, if you like. We could also use a few coolers. Please sign up in the Gathering Area or on the church website so that we know how to prepare.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Today, August 31

5:00 PM - El Buen Sunday School

6:00 PM - El Buen Worship (Sanctuary)

### Monday, September 1

#### Office Closed

7:00 PM - El Buen Men/Women's Group (Rm 7)

7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous (Fiesta Center)

### Tuesday, September 2

1:00 PM - Sunshine Memory Café

6:00 PM - United Women in Faith Salad Supper (Fiesta Center)

### Wednesday, September 3

7:30 AM - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)

6:30 PM - Prayer Journey

8:00 PM - El Buen Bible Study (Rm 10)

### Thursday, September 4

9:00 AM - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Rm 207)

7:00 PM - El Buen Youth Practice (Fiesta Center)

## 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

**Fall Kick-Off Sunday - September 14** - We will resume our normal Sunday schedule: Worship at 8:45 am - Sunday School For all ages at 10:00 am - Worship Café at 11:00 am

**Nametags are coming to UMCWC** - Our goal as a church family is to create a welcoming and connected environment for anyone who enters our doors on Sunday morning. One of the ways that we can do that is by having name tags. Beginning on September 14, magnetic name tags will be available for each person to wear during church. They will be reusable so that you can pick yours up when you come in for worship and leave it here for the next week. Please print your name (first and last as you want it displayed on the name tag) on the form in the Gathering Area or Narthex. You can also contact Sue in the office ([shaughumcwc@gmail.com](mailto:shaughumcwc@gmail.com)) Please also indicate if you need a pin type nametag. (\*Those who have pacemakers or defibrillators should not use the magnetic type.) Nametags will not be given to children without parental permission.

**Rise Against Hunger** - Please support the following fundraisers so that we can reach our goal of packaging 35,000 meals on January 19:

Eagles Bucket - The bucket will be in the Gathering Area each Sunday, beginning today,

to collect your donations as we cheer the Philadelphia Eagles on to victory again this season.

Hoagie Sale - October 4th. Purchase a 6" hoagie for \$8.50. Order forms will be available in the Gathering Area beginning Sept. 14. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**United Women in Faith** - The September general meeting will be a Salad Supper (pot-luck style, bring a dish to share) on Tuesday, September 2 at 6:00pm in the Fiesta Center. The speaker will be from Fostering Hope Chester County. All women are invited.

**Disciple Bible Study** - Digital Disciple 1 will be offered on Mondays at 7 pm via Zoom beginning on September 15.

Digital Disciple 3 will be offered in person on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in room 207 beginning September 17. If you would like to be part of one of these studies please sign up online or in the Gathering Area.

**Women's Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 9:30-11 am in the chapel. The first study (6 weeks) will be "The Bible With or Without Jesus by Amy Jill Levine. Contact Sue Oliver ([eaglesbrad@aol.com](mailto:eaglesbrad@aol.com)) for more information.

**Items Needed** - United Women in Faith are collecting items for this years Fall Bazaar on October 11. Donations of new or gently used items suitable for re-gifting, jewelry, purses, scarves, and craft items will be accepted until September 21st. Contact Barb Crary ([barbcrary@gmail.com](mailto:barbcrary@gmail.com)) for more information.

**Coming next year!** UMCWC 10 Day Pilgrimage in Greece - April 13-22, 2026 - "Paul's World and Mission Pilgrimage" Information packets with registration forms are on the round table in the Gathering Area or go to <https://sbsbibletrips.org/product/departing-13-april-2026-pauls-world-and-mission/>