



July 28, 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. Case at Mercedes@umcwc.org.

**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 July go to support the ministry of David and Lorie Persons, United Methodist missionaries who train pastors and their spouses at Mulungwishi Seminary in the Democratic Republic of Congo. See umcmision.org for info.**

**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**

**Summer Seminar** - meeting in the chapel For information contact Rev. Mercedes Case (Mercedes@umcwc.org)

CHURCH

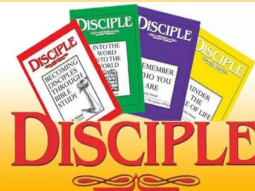
Picnic



Sunday August 18

2:00 PM

Camp Innabah

Bring a picnic lunch  
Lots of fun activities and fellowshipSAVE  
THE DATE!**COMING IN SEPTEMBER!  
DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY**

**Digital Disciple II - Into the Word, Into the World**  
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm beginning Sept. 18

**Disciple IV - Under the Tree of Life**  
Mondays at 7 pm beginning Sept. 16 (via Zoom)

Sign up for both classes in the Gathering Area.

Contact Rev. Mercedes Case (Mercedes@umcwc.org) for more info.



Salvation Army  
Dinner Teams and  
Sunday Night Safe  
Harbor Meal Teams

will be renewing for the 2024-25 year. Salvation Army involves 4 dinner meals per year and Safe Harbor 3 dinners delivered Sunday evenings throughout the year.

**We need more volunteers!** Sign up in the Gathering Area. if you have questions, please call Karen Herr at 610-692-7459 or email her at [jwherr@verizon.net](mailto:jwherr@verizon.net).

**WOMEN'S BACK PORCH  
BOOK CLUB**

The book for this summer is "After Annie" by Anne Quindlen. It's a novel about prevailing and

the power of love to make us resilient, strong, and the best version of ourselves. Pick up a copy of the book at Amazon or your favorite bookseller and join us for discussion on Aug. 13th at 7 pm. We will meet on Sarah Cass's porch. Bring a lawn chair. Please let Sarah know if you are coming. cassarah2@verizon.net

**40th Annual Laity Academy  
August 2-3**

The Eastern PAUMC Laity Academy offers a variety of learning opportunities for members who want to grow in their ministry areas. The event will be held at Eastern University, 1300 Eagle Road, St. David's, PA. Copies of the course catalog are on the round table in the Gathering Area. The \$100 fee covers materials and Saturday's meals. Contact the church office for the link to register online. For more information contact the registrar Anna Taylor (deertaylor5@gmail.com).

•**Collection for Orion Communities** - Over the summer we are collecting school supplies for "Orion", an organization that works together with individuals and families to provide support, education, and emergency assistance. The following items are needed: composition books, notebook paper, binders, #2 pencils, hand held pencil sharpeners, magic markers, black ink pens, erasers, sticky pads, and crayons. Items can be placed in the box in the Gathering Area.

•**El Buen Samaritano Community Outreach Event** - August 11, 4:30 pm at Barker Park, 833 Falcon Lane, WC. Come and support El Buen in their Worship service. Enjoy faith, fun, fellowship, and recreational activities!

•**We are looking for a few people** who would be willing to help straighten up and organize the archive room where the church records are kept. If you're interested in being on that committee contact the church office.

•**Summer Choir** practices in room 10 on Sunday mornings during July and August at 8:15 am and sings for the 8:45 worship service. Anyone who likes to sing is welcome to join them. Come on the Sundays that you are available!

**The Men's Lunch Group (ROMEOS)** will meet on Aug. 14, 11:30 am, at Gramm's Kitchen, 557 E. Gay St., West Chester. Gramm's has parking, space, and a variety of food. Please RSVP to Bill (484-459-8939) so that adequate seating can be guaranteed.



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).

### 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

•**Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter** has created an Amazon Wishlist, which includes items that would be particularly beneficial. Use the link in the weekly email or visit Safe Harbor's website to see the list.

•**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.