



March 24, 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 March go to support our U.M. Children's Center Scholarship Fund which assists low income families with tuition payments so their children can attend our preschool. Unitedmethodistchildrenscenter.com.

•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)

Holy Week Schedule

As hosted by the
WC Area
UMC MissionLink

Maundy Thursday
March 28, 7 PM
Willistown UMC
6051 West Chester Pike,
Newtown Square, PA

Good Friday
March 29, 7 PM
UMC of West Chester
129 S. High Street
West Chester, PA

Easter Sunrise Service
March 31, 6:30 am
Boot Road Park
110 Boot Rd., WC

**EASTER WORSHIP AT UMC of West Chester**

8:45 AM - worship in the sanctuary
11:00 AM - Worship Café and communion in the Fiesta Center

PRAYER VIGIL

You are invited to take time this Good Friday to be in prayer. Sign up to pray for 1/2 hour between 7 am and 7 pm. You pray wherever you would like - home, office, outdoors. Sign up sheet will be on the table in the Gathering Area on Sunday - after Sunday sign up through the church website for open time slots. Prayer Focus notes will be available.



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).

Bake Sale March 24

There will be delicious Easter Breads as well as cakes, pies, cookies and more! All monies go towards church and United Women in Faith mission projects. Stock up for Easter!

**PLAN NOW TO WALK THE LABYRINTH DURING HOLY WEEK IN THE FIESTA CENTER**

Wednesday 3/27, 9 AM-4 PM
Thursday 3/28, 9 AM - 4 PM
Friday 3/29, 9 AM-12 PM, 6-9 PM
On your own prayer resource will be provided.

The labyrinth is a model or metaphor for life. Walking the labyrinth can draw us closer to God. It includes turns as life does. It provides a quiet time to concentrate on prayer, our life journey, and to listen for what God might be saying to us.

Intergenerational TRIVIA NIGHT **YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER**

SAT., APRIL 6
7:00-9:00 PM
IN FIESTA CENTER

Register as a Team of 8 (or less) or as individuals who will be assigned to a team.

DESSERT BAR

Cost is \$25 per person.
Register online at umcwc.org

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The April meeting of United Women in Faith will take place on Tuesday, April 2, at 6:30 pm in Rm. 10. We will learn about the Volunteer English Program. All women are invited!

•Thanks to all who helped with the Egg Hunt! It was a fun time.

•We will have Sunday School for children on Easter Sunday. Come and help us decorate our flower cross. It will be a special day for all.

•There will be no Wednesday Night Out on March 27. WNO will resume on April 3.



Each
Week!!!
6pm

Enjoy a delicious dinner and lots of fun fellowship each Wednesday in the Fiesta Center. Cost: \$8.00 (Discount for larger families) No reservations necessary. See Beth Buglio for more information.



Safe Harbor
OF CHESTER COUNTY, INC.

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

- **The new parking system for lot #5 is now in place.** If you volunteer or attend meeting/studies regularly and have not received a parking hanger from your group leader, please contact the church office. Hangers must be displayed Mon. - Thurs. from 8am through 8pm and Fri. from 8am through 6pm if parked in one of the leased spots. If you visit the church for any reason during those hours please get a hanger from the church office for the time you are here.
- **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.