



September 1, 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 August go to support Rise Against Hunger and helps our purchasing and packaging of over 25,000 meals to be sent around the globe. The packing event is on Martin Luther King Day of Service in January.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES - 10:00 AM

Children ages 2-grade 5 - Meeting in rooms 4&5. 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 (beginning 9/8)
Upper Room-Meeting in the Chapel
For information contact Rev. Mercedes Case (Mercedes@umcwc.org)



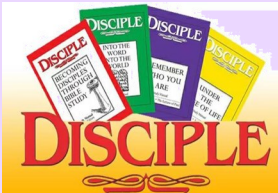
INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR REV. CYNDI STOUFFER

Sunday, September 29

Breakfast at 9:15 AM

One Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Please join us as we officially install Pastor Cyndi as the Senior Pastor of UMCWC.



**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.



Praise & Worship Musicians Needed!!

Do you sing, play piano, guitar, bass guitar or drums?

Do you love contemporary worship music?

Do you, or someone you know, wish to share your talent and enthusiasm for praise and worship?

WE NEED musicians who want to sing and praise God through worship and song! If you are interested, please contact: Tom Sabatino, Director of Music Ministries (tom@umcwc.org)

The Men's Lunch Group (ROMEOS) will meet on September 11, 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.

South District United Women in Faith Day Apart -Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024 at Camp Innabah, 712 Pughtown Road, Spring City. Registration and continental breakfast at 9:00 am. The program, "Heroes of the Bible", begins at 10:00 am. Women are encouraged to wear purple. The cost is \$15.00, and includes lunch. To register contact Becky Givler (beckyg48@verizon.net).

We need several more people to help with Salvation Army and Safe Harbor dinner teams. If you can help, contact Karen Herr at jwherr@verizon.net

Donations for this years UWF Bazaar will be accepted until September 22. Contact Barb Cray (barbcrary@gmail.com) or Karen Herr (jwherr@verizon.net). The bazaar will be held on Sat., October 12 from 9 am-2 pm.

"MAMA BEARS" Documentary screening and Panel Discussion - Sunday, Sept. 29, 3:30 pm at Act in Faith of Greater WC, 10 W. Bernard St. The documentary examines the Mama Bears movement, a group of 30,000 mothers of LGBTQ+ children who fight to make the world kinder and safer for all LGBTQ+ people. The screening is free.



It's time once again to fill the Eagles bucket as we cheer the Philadelphia Eagles on to victory

this season! The Eagles bucket will be in the Gathering Area each week to collect your donations for our next Rise Against Hunger meal packaging

event on January 20, 2025. For more info, see Pastor Merc.



ACT IN FAITH FUNDRAISER

AIF is selling tri-fold cards that have offers of free coffee, tea, and bubble tea at 9 cafes and shops around the borough. Sample local cafes and support the restocking of the AIF Food Cupboard. The cards are \$25 each. See Cheryl Monturo or Beth Buglio.



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).
- Women's Bible Study** - Wednesdays at 9:30 am in room 12 beginning September 11th. For information contact Sue Oliver (eaglesbrad@aol.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.
- 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.