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*Our Mission - To be a Christian community that invites everyone to know, love, and serve God.*

**September 29, 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

**Upper Room**-Meeting in the Chapel

For information contact Rev. Mercedes Case (Mercedes@umcwc.org)



### NEW SERMON SERIES

**Begins September 29**

**Sept. 29 - Do Unto Others**

**Oct. 6 - The Polarization Within**

**Oct. 13 - Listen More...Speak Less**



**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.



**ACT in Faith OPEN HOUSE**

**Thursday, Oct. 10  
5-7 pm**

Come see their new home  
10 W. Barnard St.  
West Chester

**RSVP:**  
[www.actinfaithgwc.org](http://www.actinfaithgwc.org)



### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

**General Meeting  
Tuesday, Oct. 1,  
6:30 pm**

All women are invited to join us in room 10 for great fellowship and an interesting program. The president of the South District UWF will share about the district happenings. For more information contact Jacqui Rothera at umcwcuwf@gmail.com.



Join us for dinner in the Fiesta Center at 5:45 pm every Wednesday.

The cost is only \$10.00/adults, \$5.00/Children. You'll enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Chef Tony and lots of good fellowship! Contact Beth Buglio (BBuglioumcwc@gmail.com) for more info.

**new MEMBERS CLASS**

**October 13, 20, and 27  
6:30 pm via Zoom  
Contact the church office for more information.**

•**"MAMA BEARS" Documentary** screening and Panel Discussion - TODAY, 3:30 pm at Act in Faith of Greater WC, 10 W. Barnard 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.

•**Eastern PA Conference United Women in Faith Annual Celebration** will be held on Sat., Oct. 19, from 9:30 am-2 pm at West Lawn UMC Church, Reading, Pa. Information on how to register is on the round table in the Gathering Area. Register by Oct. 8

•**Men's Bible Study** - meets in the chapel on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 am. All men are welcome. For information contact Brian Krug (bskrug@hotmail.com).

•**Women's Bible Study** - meets in the chapel on Wednesdays at 9:30 am. The current study is "The Sermon on the Mount" by Jen Wilkin. Contact Sue Oliver (eaglesbrad@aol.com) for more info.



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 (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.
- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.