



November 19, 2023

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 November go to support Doris Haley Ministry which offers ongoing support of prison inmate families and low income Chester County residents.

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)

stephen MINISTRY Sunday

Join us for worship today to learn more about this vital ministry of our church.

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).



Holiday Bake Sale Today November 19 in the Gathering Area.

Sponsored by United Women in Faith. Enjoy many homemade baked goods. All the proceeds go to missions.



See Kelly Lynn for more info

Please join us for our Family Advent Festival!



See Kelly Lynn for more info

Sunday December 3rd 12:00-2:30 in the Fiesta Center



HOAGIE SALE

AGAINST HUNGER The 2023 Rise Against Hunger Hoagie Sale has begun. Delivery of these delicious sandwiches is Sunday Dec. 3 - just in time for the Eagles game as well as the Advent Festival that afternoon. Order an Italian, veggie or cheese hoagie - \$8 each. Stop by the RAH table in the Gathering Area to place your order and support our 2024 RAH event. See Pastor Merc for more info.



UNUSED CHRISTMAS CARDS NEEDED

We have received requests from the EPAUMC Prison

Ministry for **unused** Christmas cards to be donated to people who are incarcerated so that they may send a card to their loved ones. Please place cards (no glitter, stickers, or excessive foil, etc), along with their envelopes, in the basket on the round table in the Gathering Area by November 26.



Decorate the church this Christmas with a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Cost of a plant is \$12.

You can also give a mission donation. This year the gift to mission will go to our Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event. Orders must be placed by Dec 13. Order cards will be mailed this week. For questions call the church office.

•COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

We will be sending homemade cookies out to our college students as a boost during finals week. If you would like your college student to receive cookies send an email to patricia.valencia@gmail.com with their name, address, phone number, and any allergy information. Cookies will be packed Dec 3rd and mailed Dec. 4th. Donations of cookies and shipping \$ accepted.

•DORIS HALEY OUTERWEAR

COLLECTION During the month of November we are collecting new or clean, gently used outerwear for Doris Haley. This includes coats, jackets, snow pants, scarves, hats, mittens, fleeces and sweaters. Please place donations in the bin in the Gathering Area.

•Next Sunday at 10 AM we will be decorating the church to get ready for the advent and Christmas season. Please join the fun. Lots of hands are needed.

•Nov. 28 is Giving Tuesday!

Consider giving an online donation to our church to help support our computer upgrades- new server, new computers, and upgraded keyscan system for doors (all necessities).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 9:30 am
in room 12

All women are invited.

Contact Sue Oliver at 610-594-0257 or
eaglesbrad@aol.com for more info



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).



The Good Works Team from our church meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month to do home repairs in our area. Interested in helping? Contact Bryan Travis at Bryan.travis@verizon.net.

SERVICE AND SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

- 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.
- 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.