

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

September 24, 2023



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 Isimsumcwc@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 September go to support the ministry of 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 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)





Join us for dinner in the Fiesta Center at 6:00 pm each Wednesday. The cost is only \$8.00 (with discount for larger families). You'll enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Chef Tony and lots of good fellowship! We need people to help with Wednesday Night Out. Contact Beth Buglio (Beth.Buglio@gmail.com) for more info.





The Eagles and Rise Against Hunger donations are on their way to victory again this season! The Eagles bucket is

in the Gathering Area to collect donations towards the RAH meal packaging event on Jan 15, 2024. So far, \$3306 has been collected thank you! Our goal is 35,000 meals = \$14,000. For more info, see Pastor Merc.

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Stephen Ministers Care!
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).



NOW FORMING

Contact the church office if you are interested in joining.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH General Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 3, 7:00 pm

All women are invited to join us. The program will be presented by Barbara Revere who will talk about the Eastern PAUMC's Native American Ministries. For more information contact Melinda Ford (Melinda@54ds.net).

•We are in the process of making a new printed directory.

Please take time to look at one of the directories on the round table in the Gathering Area and make any changes. You can write directly on the directory or on the tablet provided. Thanks for your help.

•Gently used jewelry needed-United Women in Faith is asking for gently-used jewelry to sell at our Fall Festival on October 14.

All proceeds will be donated to local, national and international mission projects. A receptacle is in the Gathering Area on the table between the elevator and the Chapel door

•Great news parents! We have hired a behavioral specialist, Connor Tabak, to work with the children and youth in our Sunday School programs! Connor will also be training our children and youth leaders and teachers, and he is also able to help any parents who are trying to figure out the best ways to help their child who may have special needs. Connor's presence will help our church become even more welcoming to all who come!

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

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).



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.

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

- •Communion Servers Needed No special skills required. We celebrate communion on the 1st Sunday of each month. We also need people to clean up communion after the 11 am worship service. If interested in being part of this ministry, contact Nancy Holland at hollandnancy31@gmail.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 actinfaithawc.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 Volunteer English Program in Chester County will sponsor a 3 session training workshop for those who would like to tutor English as a second language. The workshop will be held via Zoom on Oct. 24,26, and 30 from 6-8 pm. Contact 610-918-8222 or www.volunteerenglish.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).
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- •Pop Tab Recycling Program Keep saving them. The tabs convert to \$\$ that provide short-term housing assistance to families of AI 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.