



Welcome Home to Family,
Welcome Home to Community,
Welcome Home to the Body of Christ.



Christmas Eve December 24, 2022

Each Sunday we live-stream our 8:45 am and 11:00 am services. View it on our website— umcwc.org. All services are archived on Youtube. Our Christmas Eve services will be livestreamed this year as well. Invite a friend to check us out!

Looking for a new church home? Our vision is to build a spiritual home where all are welcomed as family. Commit yourself to worship with us the next several weeks. See how we can help you on your faith journey. We will hold a New Member class in January. Write “new member” by your name in the friendship folder for more info.

Join us for worship over the next several weeks

- Dec.25, we will have **one service at 10:00 am** in the sanctuary. Children can bring a toy to talk about. Pajamas welcomed.
- Jan.1 is Epiphany Sunday with Holy Communion and the sharing of John Wesley’s Covenant Prayer.
We will have **one service at 10:00 am** in the Fiesta Center preceded by a continental breakfast at 9:30 am.
- Jan.8th is Baptism of the Lord Sunday— Come and remember your baptism.
- Jan.15th we will celebrate Human Relation’s Day.

Tonight’s Christmas Eve loose plate offering will support the local work of *Act in Faith* and the international feeding program *Rise Against Hunger*. To give a Christmas Eve gift to the church by text: Text UMCWC \$50 to 73256. Adjust the dollar amount to match the amount you would like to donate. Standard text message rates do apply. To give online, go to umcwc.org/giving, click the link for Online Giving, and enter the amount and fund you would like to give to, or use the QR code.



Give a gift of Christmas to someone working. Pick up a packet of cookies in the Gathering Area or the narthex. Stop somewhere on your way home tonight or tomorrow in your travels and give it to someone who is working. Thank them for their service on Christmas Eve or Day.

Make sure you pick up some Hershey hugs and kisses at the doors of the Sanctuary. They are a gift from the Brooks family. Merry Christmas! Thank you for another year of faithful ministry. Remember Jesus— God’s kiss to the world!

If you would like to give a final year-end offering, your contribution for 2022 must be in the church office by Wed., Dec. 28 at noon for it to count towards your 2022 federal taxes. Thank you for your generosity. It has an impact. (Consider giving from appreciated stocks or your RMD. There may be considerable tax advantages.)

Have you returned your 2023 Ministry Commitment Card? Help our church keep going and growing. Commitment cards are available on the round table in the Gathering Area.

During the week between Christmas and New Years Day the church office will be closed. If you have an emergency please call Rev. Rounsley at 484-574-7110 or Dr. Brooks at 484-340-0272.

Help us pack over 30,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger on MLK Day of Service, Mon., Jan. 18 from 9:30-11:30 am. Register to help online at umcwc.org or in the Gathering Area. 20 strong people are needed to help unload the truck and set up at 8:00 am. Invite a friend or neighbor to help.

Interested in helping out with worship in 2023? We can always use more hands helping with the Audio-Visual Team, voices singing in the choirs and praise teams, more folks willing to serve as ushers, greeters, and readers. If you are blessed with a talent that is useful in leading our church in some way you have been blessed in order to be a blessing. Don’t hide God’s light under a bushel. See Mike Muzzo or Dr. Brooks for info or let us know with a note beside your name in the Friendship Folder.

Sunshine Memory Café welcomes new people. It provides a welcoming place where persons with memory loss and their care partner can enjoy activities, share stories, and socialize. The café meets each Tuesday from 1:00-2:30 pm in rm.10. There is reserved parking for participants behind the church. If you know someone who might benefit from this ministry contact Adean Bridges (610-349-3401) or Pastor Rounsley (484-574-7110).

Like us on Facebook and subscribe to our Youtube channel. We regularly post announcements, videos, things to think about, etc. Let’s grow our social media ministries. Media ministry is evangelism.

Christmas Again So many happy memories. Family gathered together, a beautiful tree, special worship celebrations. But it isn’t that way this year. And your heart aches to think about it. During this season and beyond, a Stephen Minister would like to be there for you. Your Stephen Minister will care for you, listen to you, and help you find the resources to make it through this time of pain. For more information see Pastors Rounsley or Brooks.

Emergency Info- An AED is available behind the Welcome Desk. First Aid Kits are available in the Gathering Area below the sink, at the Welcome Desk, and in both kitchens. Look for the nurse card.

United Women in Faith General Meeting - Tues., Jan. 3, 7:00 PM in room 10. Start the New Year in the warmth and fellowship of our women in Christian Ministry. Dr. Cherise Pollard from West Chester University's Poetry Center will be leading us in some poetry listening, reading, and writing to refresh our spirits in the new year. Women of all ages are welcome! Call Melinda Ford (610-918-2331) for more information.

Workers needed for Sunday mornings for our Splash Room and Nursery. These are paid jobs. Contact Kelly, Kelly@umcwc.org, for more info.

Front Desk substitutes needed as well. We have paid and volunteer opportunities. Contact Rev. Brooks..

There will be no Wednesday Night Out until January 11, 2023. Begin your year with the fun and fellowship!

Snow Policy- If the WC Schools are closed or dismissed early we will have no WNO or Meetings. But we will always have Sunday morning worship!



The Staff of the UMC of West Chester wishes for you the full wonder and joy of this holy Christmas season. May our ministry together continue to move towards incarnation and may our church continue to be a place where Christ is alive and guests and neighbors are welcomed with kindness and love.



For the great and powerful of this world, there are only two places in which their courage fails them, of which they are afraid deep down in their souls, from which they shy away. These are the manger and the cross of Jesus Christ.

No powerful person dares to approach the manger, and this even includes King Herod. For this is where thrones shake, the mighty fall, the prominent perish, because God is with the lowly. Here the rich come to nothing, because God is with the poor and hungry, but the rich and satisfied he sends away empty. Before Mary, the maid, before the manger of Christ, before God in lowliness, the powerful come to naught; they have no right, no hope; they are judged. –C.S. Lewis

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Lord Jesus Christ, thou Son of the Most High, Prince of Peace, be born again into our world. Wherever there is war in this world, wherever there is pain, wherever there is loneliness, wherever there is no hope, come, thou long-expected one, with healing in thy wings.... Wherever there is boredom, wherever there is fear of failure, wherever there is temptation too strong to resist, wherever there is bitterness of heart, come, thou Blessed One, with healing in thy wings. Savior, be born in each of us as we raise our faces to thy face, not knowing fully who we are or who thou art, knowing only that thy love is beyond our knowing and that no other has the power to make us whole. Come, Lord Jesus, to each who longs for thee even though we have forgotten thy name. Come quickly. Amen. – F. Buechner