



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

January 19, 2025

# 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.ora. 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 Gatherina 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. 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

#### 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



# SERMON SERIES

**Begins January 19** 

Week 1 - Release Into Rest Week 2 - The Rhythm of Rest Week 3 - What Kind of Rest: The Science Behind Rest Week 4 - The Gift of Rest



## Join us for "A Journey of Prayer:

Exploring Diverse Practices," a transformative small group experience beginning Wednesday, January 15th, at 6:30 PM. Each week, we will explore various prayer practices

from different traditions, offering a rich tapestry of ways to deepen your spiritual connection. Whether you're new to prayer or looking to enrich your current practice, this class provides a welcoming space to discover and experience the profound beauty of prayer. Come and be part of this journey, as we grow together in faith and understanding.



Act in Faith has created an Amazon Wish List of items OF GREATER WEST CHESTER that are needed for

their food pantry. Items purchased on this site will automatically be shipped to ACT in Faith. To see and purchase the needed items go to https://www.amazon.com/hz/ wishlist/ls/3AR0DYSYPSP4R? ref =wl share. A link will soon be available on our website. This will be recurring and new items will be added as needed.



# NEW DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Door open for "tailgating" at 6pm Game starts promptly at 7pm

> \$25 per person Teams of 6-8 B.Y.O.E.

(bring your own everything-including beer and wine) CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY 212 S. HIGH STREET, WEST CHESTER



United Women in Faith are now taking orders for spinach tortellini soup (pick up date Feb. 9) and Italian wedding soup and chicken noodle (pick up date Feb. 23). Cost is \$10/ quart. Order in the Gathering Area. Proceeds go to support the various outreach and mission projects of UWF.

 Offering Envelopes for 2025 have arrived. If you use offering envelopes you can pick yours up in the Gathering Area.

•West Chester Dance Works is presenting "One Woman Over the Line", the story of Rachel Harris, a runaway slave's search for freedom and dignity. Performances will be on Feb. 7, 7:30 pm and Feb. 9, 2:30 pm at the Knaur Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased at uptownwestchester.org.

## SERVICE AND SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

- •Wednesday Night Out Each Wednesday at 5:45 pm in the Fiesta Center. Delicious meal and wonderful fellowship: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. No reservations required.
- •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. 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).
- •Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter has created an Amazon Wishlist, which includes items that would be particularly beneficial. 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.
- •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.
- •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.