



SUMMER 2024

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Worship in person or online at umcwc.org!
Don't Miss a Week!
Sundays at 8:45 and 11:00 AM

Summer Sermon Series

July - "Telling Your Story"

This series will focus on the importance of our stories. Our personal stories, our communal stories and the story of faith that we want to share with the world. There will be many opportunities for us to gather and share these stories with one another. What is the story you have to tell?



August - "Incredible Stories"

Unlocking the Parables of Jesus



Summer Choir !!

July 7 - August 25 8:15 AM

Rehearsal for anyone who would like to be in the Summer Worship Choir. All youth and adults welcome!



Please register for the Sundays you would like to sing by contacting Tom Sabatino - tom@umcwc.org.

July - August Hymn Sing

We'll start each service in July and August with several hymn/praise requests from our worshipers. Come and pick your favorite hymns.

Blessing of the Backpacks!

August 25

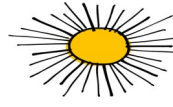
During worship we will bless the backpacks. If you are going back to school or back to work, bring your backpack or briefcase with you to church. We will have a special blessing and a prayer for you as you get ready to go to school.



Going away this summer? Don't stop growing just because you are on vacation. Read your Bible on the beach. Worship in a church and celebrate your faith wherever you are or watch our service on livestream (umcwc.org).
Enjoy abundant life all summer long.

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Christian Education for Children

June 23- August 25

Ages 2 - Completed Grades 5

Sunday School will continue to meet in-person this summer. All the children will meet in Room 6/7 as we continue to celebrate our wonder for all that God has done.

Christian Education for Youth

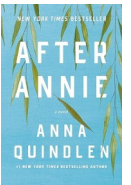
Sunday Morning Bible Study June - Sep 1 for students who completed grades 6-12. Start the week of right with Scripture, discussion, prayer, & Christian community!

Summer Adult Seminars

Join us on Sundays in July and August at 10:00am in the chapel as we meet together to explore and discuss matters of faith raised by news and events, and study what the Bible says. Begins July 7th.

Women's Back Porch Book Club

This summer we will be reading and discussing "After Annie" by Anna Quindlen. It is a novel about prevailing and the power of love to make us resilient, strong and the best version of ourselves. We will meet on Sarah Cass's back porch Tues., Aug. 13th at 7 pm for refreshments and discussion. Sarah's address is 915 Vista Dr. West Chester, PA



Gretna Glen Camp July 21-25

"Totally Awesome Random Fun"

Every kid likes to have fun, so during this week at Gretna Glen it will be all about totally awesome, random fun within Christian community.

Valerie Burnett directs a camp for grades 1-3 (July 21-25) Pastor Truman will be a counselor. **Scholarships available.** Register at www.gretnaglen.org.

Vacation Bible School

Ages 4 to completed Grade 5

June 24-27, 6:00-8:30 PM

(Dinner at 5:15 PM for VBS kids and volunteers)

Join us at Camp Firelight—a summer camp adventure with God! Escorted by their camp counselors, our campers will enjoy lots of camping adventures - creating crafts, performing science experiments, eating delicious snacks, playing games, singing and dancing to songs, and most importantly, see the Bible Story told in memorable ways and accompanied by helpful discussion. Find more information and register at umcwc.org/vbs.



UMCC Summer Camp

The Children's Center is offering summer day camp for children who have completed kindergarten-grade 5, beginning June 24, 7am - 6 pm. UMCC camp is an affordable way to ensure your child has a fun, enriching and safe break. Each week has a special theme and families can sign up for only the weeks they need. Contact UMCC Director, Mackenzie Carroll, for more information.



Coffee With Pastor Cyndi
Second Mondays at 10 am
 Join Pastor Cyndi at the West Chester Diner for coffee and conversation. Begins July 8.

Trip to the Biblical Tabernacle Experience in Lancaster
Saturday morning August 17

All are invited to see a full-scale reproduction of the Hebrew Tabernacle. Located at the Mennonite Life Visitors Center, it is built according to instructions in the Old Testament. This visit is especially meaningful if you have taken a Disciple class. The tour is approx. 45 minutes. See Pastor Merc for more info.



Sunshine Memory Café
Tuesdays from 1:00 to 2:30 pm



The memory café is a welcoming place where you can enjoy activities, socialize, & share your stories and a cup of coffee with others who have memory loss.

We meet at the church or at East Goshen Park in the Veteran's Pavilion. Free parking is available at the back of the building. For more info and to join the email list contact Adean Bridges at 610-349-3401



Pool Parties, Beach Day, Bike Rides, Tubing, Hiking, Volleyball, and more!
 Make sure you're on the UMCWC Youth Weekly Email list to stay up-to-date on all Youth activities and events throughout the Summer.

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Del. Shakespeare does Julius Caesar
 July 18—Aug. 4 Rockwood Park, Wilmington, DE. Our own Louise Sims is part of the cast.



The Barbone Street Jazz Band, Dixieland Jazz Concert
 Sun., July 24th, 6:30pm at West Goshen Community Park. Bring a lawn chair and gather your friends! Free Concert.

SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC **At Camp Innabah**
SUNDAY, AUG. 18
2:00 pm

Bring your own picnic dinner or bring a grill to cook. Activities include: Canoeing, Swimming and camp fire. Invite friends and prepare to make new ones.

Youth Summer Week of Service
July 6-12 - youth in grades 8-12 will be serving with YouthWorks in the Lake Traverse area of South Dakota this Summer, in addition to helping with our own VBS.



Doris Haley School of Learning

Each summer over 300 children in need in our area are given a chance to learn, play, and grow in a safe environment. They receive breakfast and lunch.

Our Church will again support this vital outreach over the summer. Donations of the following items are requested: #2 pencils, hand held pencil sharpeners, erasers, crayons, post-it notes, composition books, legal pads, 3 ring binders, notebook paper, black ink pens, juice boxes, boxes of crackers, and granola bars. A box to collect these items will be in the Gathering Area by the elevator

Making "Sweet" Connections with Our Neighbors at the Ice Cream Social!



August 11, 3-6 pm
 Join us at the Melton Center for outside fun and FREE ice cream for all! Get to know our neighbors. Enjoy some basketball. At 501 E. Miner St., but can also be accessed via the 300 block of E. Market St. (right before KFC/Taco Bell)



Clean Sweep Program

When you travel this summer, please contribute any unused hotel toiletries to 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.

Stephen Ministry

Sometimes only God's love can get us through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers share God's love in a deeply personal and confidential way. Let them walk with you. For more info contact Kelly Lynn. (Kelly@umcwc.org)



Pop Tab Recycling Program

Keep saving them. The tabs convert to \$\$ that provide short-term housing assistance to families of Nemours Children's Health patients and allows them to be close to and support their loved ones during their hospital stays.