



**May 16, 2021**

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE LIVESTREAM - 8:45 AM

- Watch it on our website at [umcwc.org](http://umcwc.org).
- Click on the YouTube link to join the live chat.
- All services are archived on YouTube. Go to YouTube and type in West Chester UMC.

### GATHERING AREA COFFEE HOUR

Following each Sunday service via Zoom  
To join Zoom Meeting cut and paste:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85713678565>

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND EVENTS

Classes, meetings, and other events are being offered online via Zoom. Look for emails from any group or class you are involved in for updated information.

### WEEKLY EMAIL

Contains updates and information to keep you informed about what's going on in the church. Contact the church office, [shaughumcwc@gmail.com](mailto:shaughumcwc@gmail.com), if you are not receiving it.

### PRAYER LINK

To receive the prayer link email:  
[lsimsumcwc@gmail.com](mailto:lsimsumcwc@gmail.com). Please send prayer requests to Rev. Brooks at [tbroomsumcwc@gmail.com](mailto:tbrooksumcwc@gmail.com).

### UMCWC ON FACEBOOK

Follow our Facebook page. Our pastors and staff post prayers and words of inspiration daily.

### OFFICE HOURS

The office has limited hours. Messages are checked on a regular basis. If you do call the church and no one answers, please leave a message and someone will get back to you. If you have a pastoral emergency, contact Rev. Brooks, [tbroomsumcwc@gmail.com](mailto:tbrooksumcwc@gmail.com) or 484-340-0272.

### UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

Paper copies of the May/June issue are now available. You can pick up a copy at the ramp door.

**Our church is now open for worship on Sunday mornings at 8:45 am. Make a reservation at UMCWC.ORG.**

**Next Sunday, May 23, is Pentecost Sunday. Don't forget to wear red.**

**Spring Plant Swap at WCUMC - May 23rd, following the 8:45 worship service**  
What is a plant swap? Bring a pass along plant: a house plant or garden treasure that has increased which you want to share with others. Bring your cuttings, baby plants, or plants that you are ready to swap! How does the swap work? No sales. Just trades and freebies. And free advice! THISTLE be the best day ever!



### Children's Center Update



**STAFF POSITIONS** - Full and part-time positions are available, including lead teacher for the 1 year old room. Days and hours are flexible. Coverage is also needed in the classrooms during the teachers' lunch hour. Contact Judy at 610-692-5256.

**DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEEDED:** paper cereal bowls; gallon or quart sized baggies; boxes of Cheerios, Chex, or Cinnamon Toast Crunch; raisins or craisins; rice cakes; nutigrain bars; saltines; restaurant sized large and deep foil pans. They are also in need of angel food cake pans, and bundt cake pans. Please leave donations in the Gathering Area in the box marked for Children's Center. Thanks so much for your help now and through the years. The Children's Center is a special place and with your support it continues to grow and improve.

### WOMEN'S BACK PORCH CLUB RETURNS!



This summer we will be reading and discussing *The Daughters of Kobani: A Story of Rebellion, Courage, and Justice* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon.

From People- "An inspiring look at the all-female militia that helped fight ISIS—and shine a light on women's capabilities and rights—in Syria." Pick up a copy of the book at Amazon or your favorite bookseller. We will meet on Pastor Molly Dee's back porch Tuesday, Aug. 24 at 7:00 pm for refreshments and discussion.

### Collection for Doris Haley's School of Learning

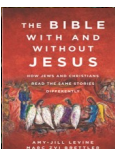
- Our Church will again support this vital outreach over the summer. She has requested the following items: spiral notebooks, #2 pencils, individual pencil sharpeners, post-it notes, juice boxes, fruit chew snacks, mini pretzels, peanut butter crackers, boxes of crackers, and jars of peanut butter or jelly. A box to collect these items will be in the Gathering Area by the elevator.

•**Want to read a scripture during worship?** Let us know. Write to Sue at [shaughumcwc@gmail.com](mailto:shaughumcwc@gmail.com).

•**We are still collecting** 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 G.A.

•**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.

**The King's Brass Concert**  
Wed. June 9 at 7 pm  
in the sanctuary  
Space is limited.  
Reservations must be made on our church website [UMCWC.org](http://UMCWC.org).



**Author-led book study:**  
*The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently*

Wednesdays, June 9, 16, 23, 30  
11 am - 12 noon Via Zoom

Led by the author, Amy-Jill Levine.

You do not need to purchase the book to participate. Come to whatever dates you are available. See the weekly email from Rev. Rounsley for the link to register.

## SUNSHINE MEMORY CAFÉ

**Tuesdays  
1-2:30 PM**  
in the Fiesta Center  
and various parks

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 Pastor Rounsley (484-574-7110).



## Safe Harbor Lunch

Thanks for your continued support of the Safe Harbor Bagged Lunches Drive! *Safe Harbor* We are doing lunches on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Contact Steph Campitelli at [campitelli.connections@gmail.com](mailto:campitelli.connections@gmail.com) to let her know if you can help.



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](mailto:Bryan.travis@verizon.net).

## STEPHEN MINISTRY



*"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2)*

As we look towards a post-Covid future, it is natural to feel anxious. Over the course of the past 12 months there has been significant change to adapt and acclimatize to and now many of us are wondering about the future. If you would like to have someone to talk to about your concerns one of our church's Stephen Ministers can help. Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one confidential lay caring ministry that helps 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. To keep everyone safe we will use phone calls and/or Zoom meetings in place of the usual in person meetings. Please contact Pastor Rounsley (610-692-5190 or [mdrounsleyumcwc@gmail.com](mailto:mdrounsleyumcwc@gmail.com)). Let one of our Stephen Ministers walk with you in this difficult time.

**Gifts given to the Mission of the Month for May go to support Act in Faith** - a faith based community organization in West Chester created to assist our community's growing number of people who come to churches in need of help. It provides a community food cupboard, social services, and emergency funding. [Actinfaith.org](http://Actinfaith.org)



A blessing box has been donated to our church and erected by our front door. This is a way for us to directly provide relief for individuals and families in economic crisis. Let's supply our blessing box with items like this: Canned food with ring-pulls (our homeless neighbors don't have can openers), hand warmers, crackers, peanut butter, small packets of tissues, bottled water, non-perishable foods. Be a blessing to those in need.



## THINGS YOU CAN DO

Please donate Giant gift cards in the amount of \$25 to help members of the El Buen Samaritano congregation. Send the cards to The United Methodist Church of West Chester, attention to Evodia Villalva.

Keep in touch with other church families. Consider using your church directory. Find your picture and make a phone call to the family or individual in the picture below yours just to see how they are doing. Let's stay connected.

Donate to Act in Faith and the West Chester Food Cupboard. They are also asking for and accepting monetary donations. Checks and gift cards for Giant or ShopRite can be mailed to the West Chester Food Cupboard (431 S. Bolmar St. West Chester, PA 19382). Online donations can be made to [westchester-foodcupboard.org](http://westchester-foodcupboard.org). To make a monetary donation to Act in Faith go to [actinfaithgwc.org](http://actinfaithgwc.org) or call their office at 484-324-8492.



*Love Your  
Neighbor.  
Get Vaccinated.*

## GIVING

Thank you for your continued giving during this time.  
-If you use offering envelopes they can be dropped off or mailed to the church.  
-For online giving go to our website [umcwc.org/giving](http://umcwc.org/giving). Click the link for online giving. Enter the amount and select the fund to which you would like to donate.  
-For 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
UMCOR Disaster Relief	Text UMCWC UMCOR \$50 to 73256
Capital Campaign	Text UMCWC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN \$50.00 to 73256

**IF YOU DONATE ONLINE OR ELECTRONICALLY AND PREFER NOT RECEIVE OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2021**

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