



August 13, 2020

### Commonwealth in Phase Green

#### COVID-19 UPDATE

**Shift to Phase Green:** On June 26th, the Commonwealth of PA shifted Montgomery County to Phase Green. LUMC will remain in its current status of closed to all activity until further notice, except for the LiveStream service on Sunday mornings and other approved exceptions made by the Pastor or the Trustees. Once in Phase Green, faithful, prudent, and safe decisions will be announced when applicable. There is no definite timetable for reopening the church in the early portion of Phase Green. In the meantime, please commit yourselves to prayers for all those who have suffered personal and economic losses during the pandemic crisis.

#### *THE RESULTS ARE IN!*

Click [here](#) to access the analytics of the Survey Monkey on returning to In-Person worship at LUMC. The Church Council reviewed the results on Monday evening and drew the conclusion that a majority of those surveyed prefer to wait to either return to worship sometime in the autumn or to wait for a vaccine to be available. Since it's

important to honor the thoughts and feelings of our worshipers, the council has elected to take a slow and steady course to return to in-person worship when it's faithful, prudent, and safe to do so. As plans formulate, you can expect to be kept informed. In the survey, about 12 people indicated they'd return immediately to worship if it was possible. Pastor Bill would like to hear from those people to talk about some options. If the 12 will self-reveal to Pastor Bill, he'll hold your names and thoughts in confidence. E-mail the pastor at [pastorbill@lansdaleumc.org](mailto:pastorbill@lansdaleumc.org) to get the conversations started.

**LiveStreaming to LUMC YouTube Channel!**

**LiveNow! On Our YouTube Channel!  
Search for "Lansdale UMC"**



**8:45 a.m. Music & Announcements  
9:00 a.m. The Service Starts!**

It's simple to access! Click on the YouTube logo above, and you'll zip to our Lansdale UMC Channel. Next, click on the red SUBSCRIBE button. Then, click on the notification "Bell." When prompted, click on "All," and you'll receive a notification whenever we broadcast live or upload a video to our channel! Easy! [Click here](#) to access the Sunday Morning Resources to go along with the LiveStream service.

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Let us know you worship with us!

Click here to "Connect With Us"



# Thank You!!

### **Pastor Bill Away from 15-22 August**

While Pastor Bill is away, Pastor Jim Carver of Sanctuary UMC and Pastor Sue Ketterer of Bethel Hill UMC will provide pastoral care if a need arises. Please contact Becky Conrad at [office@lansdaleumc.org](mailto:office@lansdaleumc.org) or call 215-855-8364 for help making contact.

### **Lansdale UMC Has a New Website!**

Lansdale UMC has launched a new website! Check it out [here](#). It has a new look and some new information. The "Members Only" tab is still under construction; we will contact you when it goes live.

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## News About Bright Beginnings

It is with great sadness that we bring you this news. Recently, the Bright Beginnings Board of Directors met and decided that due to growing uncertainties of Covid 19, and insufficient enrollment of students for this coming year, the Fall session of 2020 will need to be cancelled. Our hope is to be able to open again in January, but as you well know, everything is so uncertain right now.

## August's Mission Emphasis --Liberty Ministries

 Liberty Ministries exists to serve offenders in prison and ex-offenders in the community by showing God's love, providing practical assistance and supporting biblical standards of justice. [Read more](#)

You can support August's Mission Emphasis in three ways: Snail mail your check payable to LUMC, memo: Liberty Ministries in your Blue Envelope or give [here](#), click the dropdown menu to find Liberty Ministries or text message your gift to 73256 with the message "LansdaleFirstUMC." Thank you for your generous support!

## A Conversation on Race Continues on August 23

Pastor Bill invites members, attenders, friends, all concerned to attend "A Conversation on Race." next Sunday, August 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. After a presentation about race, racism, and anti-racism, an open discussion and time for questions and stories will follow. The aim is to support, learn, pray, and influence as the church steps out in peace with justice in our



nation. Here is the Zoom link information: Meeting ID: 853 3130 6620 Password: 901597 or [click here](#) to go right to the meeting. For more resources on these topics, [click here](#).

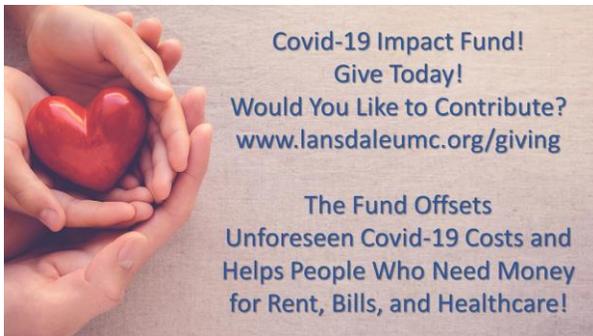
Read Bishop Peggy Johnson's blog on Freedom [here](#).

[Click here](#) to read how the UMC Bishops pledge a more effective anti-racism campaign.

United Methodist Communications is offering a Town Hall Discussion on dismantling racism on August 19. [Click here](#) to learn more and to submit a question.

## Special Lansdale UMC Collection

### Covid-19 Impact Fund Is Making a Difference



Sometimes, simply making a difference is all that's needed. The Covid-19 Impact Fund has been doing just that! Reaching about \$15,000 at its start, we've distributed a bit more than \$1,500

to pay 2 rents, make 1 car repair, buy 1 bundle of groceries, and help one person get current with their electric bill. We are working with several churches in the borough as well as Manna on Main to share the interviewing of those in need and the cost associated with helping. It's been a rewarding experience. In addition to the congregational and community care, we've also paid to buy PPE to return to worship safely at the right time, and pay for costs associated with the LiveStream broadcasts on Sunday mornings.

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## Invitation! RSVP by August 22



Judy and Bill Patchell invite you to a church social in their yard at 404 Bonnie Lane, Lansdale, on Saturday, August 29, at 4:00 p.m. They will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. Each family should please provide an appetizer, side dish or dessert, and

bring your lawn chairs as well. Judy and Bill have badminton and cornhole for some friendly competition. Please RSVP to the church office, 215-855-8364 or [office@lansdaleumc.org](mailto:office@lansdaleumc.org), by August 22 This get together will be limited to 50 people, as mandated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on a first come, first served basis. This is an opportunity for us to see each other in person during a physically distant, safe, outdoor environment.

## Save the Date!



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2020 Tentative Annual Retreat  
November 13-15  
Camp Innabah  
\$120 Weekend    \$40 Saturday

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**Prayer Requests**



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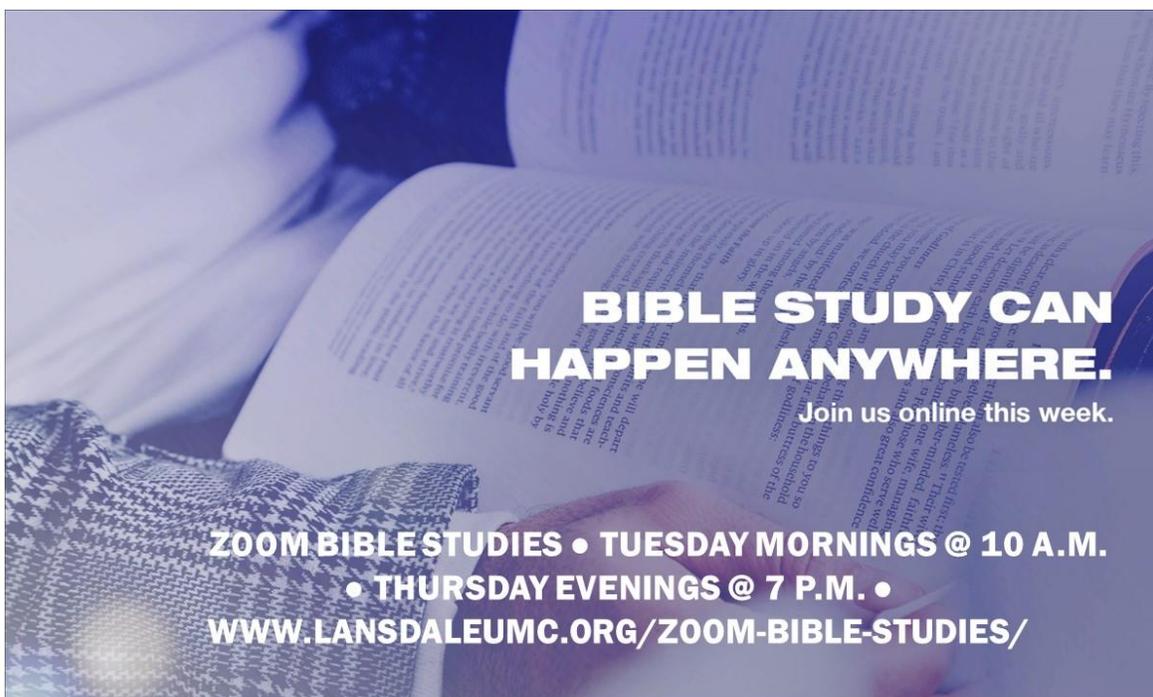
E-Mail Yours to the Church Office!  
[office@lansdaleumc.org](mailto:office@lansdaleumc.org)

## Lansdale UMC Children's Ministry is on Facebook!!



Watch Miss Liz LiveStream Sunday School each Sunday after worship on this page. She also posts interesting items for our children to watch, read and do throughout the week. Please join us at: Lansdale UMC Children's Ministry on Facebook.

## Zoom Bible Studies with Pastor Bill CANCELLED FOR AUGUST 18 AND AUGUST 20



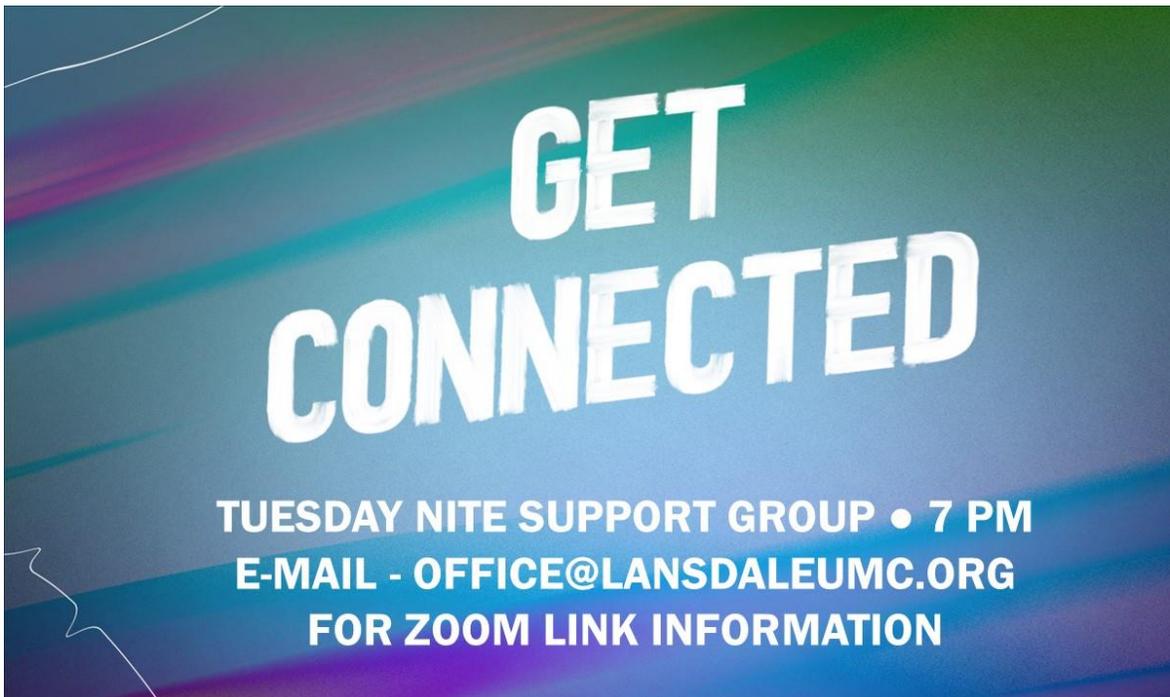
Pastor Bill is leading two weekly Zoom Bible Studies on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 7:00 a.m. The four daily readings from the lectionary will be studied each day! Rather than a continuous study of a Bible book, these studies will focus on the daily lectionary readings for each Tuesday and Thursday of the coming weeks. Join both studies if you like, each study will be different each week! [Click here](#) to see the readings that we'll be discussing.

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To access Zoom on Tuesday morning: Meeting ID: 968 6161 6463; Password: 020706

To access Zoom on Thursday night: Meeting ID: 965 4177 8998; Password: 014790

### **Zoom Support Group CANCELLED FOR AUGUST 18**



### **New Horizons Fellowship**

New Horizons is taking this Sunday off. When we return on August 23, our lesson will be "From the Old Jerusalem to the New: Lamentations to Blessings" based on Lamentations 1:1-9. We meet using Zoom and anyone is welcome to attend. The Meeting ID: 875 4237 2475 with Passcode: 710204. Or, email warren1438@gmail.com for a meeting invitation.

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## Wesleyan Adult Sunday School Class continues AT HOME

### Continuing the Conversation on Race During the Month of August

In response to the [June 8 statement from the Council of Bishops](#) on the Scourge of Racism, the Wesleyan Class will be “Continuing the Conversation on Race.” During August we will focus on one of the steps suggested in the statement: “We ask United Methodists to read all they can on the subject of anti-racism and engage in conversations with children, youth and adults.”

Instead of focusing directly on the subject of anti-racism, the class will be reading excerpts or short pieces by non-white/non-European writers. In this way we can open our eyes to perspectives different from our own **and** also see what we have in common. This will be done through weekly emails inviting responses. If there is enough interest, a Zoom meeting may be set up to share the experience with each other. All are welcome to join. Please contact Verna Colliver if you wish to be added to the e-mail distribution list ([vmcolliver@gmail.com](mailto:vmcolliver@gmail.com)).

### Are You on Instagram? So Are We!

Click on the logo to follow us



Stay safe and well.

Becky Conrad, Administrative Assistant



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