

October 1, 2020

Our Service is Now Being Simulcast on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook Live!](#)

# Simulcasting Now On Facebook and YouTube!



Let Us Know You Worship with Us!



Alan and Joni would like to thank everybody for their support through prayers, phone calls and meals. Alan's surgery was successful, and he appreciates continued prayers for healing. In addition, their children, all of whom live in Maryland, sent an e-mail expressing their

appreciation:

Hi there-

I wanted to reach out on behalf of my family to say thank you for all the help this wonderful community has given my parents. I know in the times of Covid, individuals can feel disconnected from communities. However, this church community has continued to make efforts to help and give back.

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I know my folks are very appreciative; my brothers and I are as well. It is difficult having them in this situation with all of us living in Maryland and we are extremely grateful for the support you have given our parents. Our dad has gone into detail of all the phone calls, texts, food drop offs, and check-ins that he has received and he is extremely grateful for the help and support while he recovers. Thank you does not do justice to how grateful we all are for the help you have given our folks.

With much appreciation,

Brian, Michael, and Kristin Dickel

### Charge Conference Meets Friday, October 23, 2020, at 7:00 PM



The annual **Charge Conference** for Lansdale: First UMC will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Andrew Foster on Friday evening, October 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom Meeting. Members

of the Church Council form the Charge Conference with voice and vote. All members of the congregation are invited to attend the charge conference without voice and vote. [A reminder that this upcoming meeting is **not** the yearly **Church Conference**, which has been called in the past in the month of June for the express purpose of electing church leaders.] The link below is to be used by Church Council members and other church members who wish to observe. Please be in prayer for the upcoming gathering of our church's leaders to carry the mission of the church into the next year.

Join Zoom Meeting - [Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 961 3465 3538

Passcode: 965899

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## Conversations on Race

These meetings will resume in the future. Please keep checking here for details.



## Whites Confront Racism

Anti-Racism education arouses new awareness, action. [Click here](#) to read this EPAUMC article.

## Save the Date!



The next Dismantling Racism panel discussion is next Wednesday, October 7, at 1:00 p.m. EDT. The panel will be discussing voter suppression. In the meantime, view and share a collection of videos from previous discussions, as well as other denominational Stand Against Racism events. Click the picture

to watch on demand.



Read the Summer, 2020, edition of the EPAUMC NEWSpirit! [here](#).

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**October's Mission Emphasis -- United Methodist Committee on Relief  
(UMCOR)**



UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – be it famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left most vulnerable. They provide relief, response and long-term recovery grants when these events overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development. This month’s mission is for national disaster relief. UMCOR is currently responding to the storms in the Gulf and the wildfires in the West. You can support *October’s Mission Emphasis* in three easy ways: Snail mail your check payable to LUMC with the memo line: “UMCOR” and put it in your Blue Envelope. Or go online to [www.lansdaleumc.org/giving](http://www.lansdaleumc.org/giving). Click the “Giving” dropdown menu and search for *UMCOR*. Or, you can send a text message of your gift to 73256 with the message “LansdaleFirstUMC.” Thank you for your generous support!

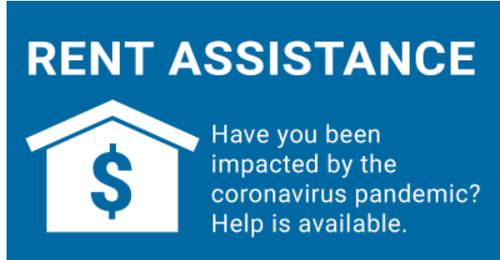
**Website News!!!**

Our website is always evolving. Please be sure to explore it often. **You can now click on each of the banner slides to get more information on that topic.** For example, if you click on our "Welcome" slide, you will be immediately be taken to the Sunday Morning Resources. **You can also leave a prayer request by clicking on "Contacts" and choosing Prayer from the drop down list. Try it out!**

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### Did You Know?

Residents in Montgomery County who experienced hardship due to coronavirus can now receive significant assistance on rent and utilities. The Your Way Home Emergency Rent and Utility Commission is making up to \$1,500 a month available for those in need. [Click here](#) to read more on the Missions page of our website.



### Creating Change Together Through Civic Engagement



Historically the United Methodist Church has been committed to connecting “faith and life, church and society, and justice and peace.” The General Board of Church and Society has created the document, “CREATING CHANGE TOGETHER: A Toolkit for Faithful Civic

Engagement.” [Read more](#) on the Church and Society page of our website.

### PLAN YOUR VOTE AND PRAY

Voting is a “prayerful act,” says Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe,\* and a “matter of faith, citizenship and democracy. It is a kind of prayer and faithful testament to the belief that every citizen bears a responsibility and equal right to determine the future of governance in society.”

Your polling place may have changed. If you are concerned about your mail-in ballot go to your county website for all the information you need. For Montgomery County, go to [montcopa.org](http://montcopa.org) and click on ELECTION 2020.

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You can also find a sample ballot and other information about the 2020 General Election.

\*Read Dr. Henry-Crowe's article [here](#),

### Voting in PA

Most voters in Pennsylvania go to a polling place near where they live to vote. There are also ways to vote for people who will be away from home on Election Day.



[Click here](#) for more information on Voting in PA.

### Vote Informed

Click [here](#) to see every candidate and every referendum explained so that you can vote informed.

### Important Dates for the 2020 Election:

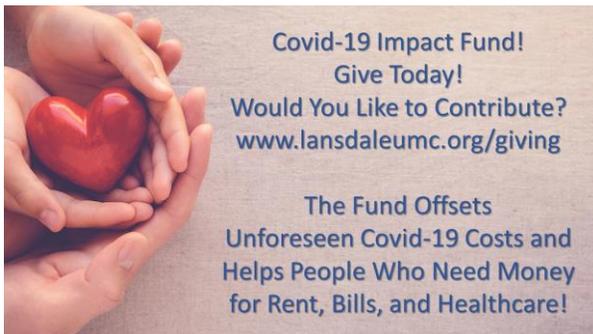
October 19 -- Last day to register

October 27 -- Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot or absentee ballot

November 3 -- ELECTION DAY -- Polls open 7am to 8pm

### 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.

### **The Upper Room**

[Click here](#) to access the September/October issue online.

### **Men's Bible Study is Back!**

On Wednesday mornings at 6:30, this weekly Bible Study meets for breakfast and Bible study at the West Main Diner, 805 W. Main Street Lansdale.



### **Save Your Redner's Receipts!**

The UMW is still collecting them. You can either put them in the mail slot by the 4th Street door or simply mail them to the church. Thank you!

### **CANCELLED!**

Due to the uncertainties of Covid-19, the United Methodist Men's Annual Retreat has been cancelled for this year.



Share Your Joys and Concerns With Us!



# Let Us Pray With You

Send Your Prayer Requests to  
[office@lansdaleumc.org](mailto:office@lansdaleumc.org)

Children's LiveStream Sunday School



Join Miss Liz Bonner!  
Every Sunday Morning @ 10 am  
LiveStream Sunday School Lesson  
On Our YouTube Channel!  
Click YouTube logo



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



Miss Liz posts interesting items for our children to watch, read and do throughout the week. Click the image to join us at: Lansdale UMC Children's Ministry on Facebook.

## Zoom Bible Studies with Pastor Bill



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

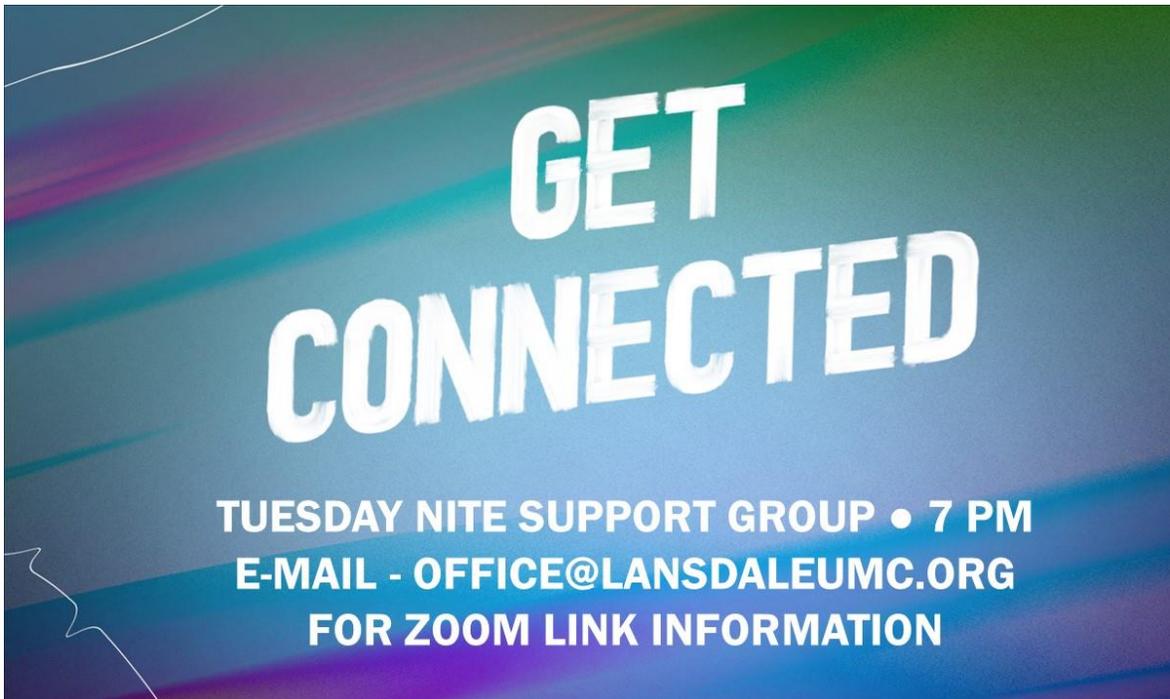
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book, these studies will focus on the daily lectionary readings for each Tuesday and Thursday of the coming weeks. Join both studies if you like, each study will be different each week! Click the picture to see the readings that we'll be discussing.

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**



### **New Horizons Fellowship**

Join us on our Zoom class meeting on Oct 4th. The topic will be "Discovering Gods Plan". Discussion will be based on Luke 1-2 to help us realize that God reveals his will to those who seek it. All are welcome to join us using the following

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Zoom login: Meeting ID: 875 4237 2475 with Passcode: 710204. Or, email warren1438@gmail.com for a meeting invitation.

### **Wesleyan Class - Resources for Your Spiritual Journey**

Each week through October and November, meditations on spiritual growth and reflection will be emailed to the class members. The series will begin the week of September 27 with an introduction, "Until We Meet Again." These resources are produced by the United Methodist Church through Discipleship ministries and other agencies. All are welcome to participate. Contact Verna Colliver ([vmcolliver@gmail.com](mailto:vmcolliver@gmail.com)) if you want to be added to the distribution list.

Stay safe and well.

Becky Conrad, Administrative Assistant

#### **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.



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