



November 12, 2020

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**Share Your Joys and Concerns With Us!**

You can send a prayer request to us in two ways:  
Click the picture to be taken to the prayer request

page of our website, or send an e-mail to the [office](#). Our prayer team wants to pray for your requests. Any requests submitted will be privately delivered to our prayer warriors within 24 hours, and will be kept confidential unless you instruct otherwise.



### Office Closed

The office will be closed from November 16 through November 20.



### Gail Elrod Death Notice

It's with an expression of sadness that we heard the news of the death of Gail Elrod. Gail died on November 5, 2020, at her son's home. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, the family will honor Gail privately. When conditions improve, she will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia with her beloved husband, Wade. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time. View Gail's obituary [here](#).



### Website News!

Our website is always evolving. Please be sure to explore it often by clicking [here](#).



### So, When Will In-Person Worship Return?

By Pastor Bill Lentz

Friends!

Interest in returning to in-person worship is on the rise now that we've reached deeper into the autumn of the year. I appreciate your patience and flexibility with the cautious choice to use faithful, safe, and prudent values to guide decisions about continuing to LiveStream worship since March. I

know you value, as I do, the desire to protect people. We've done our utmost to prioritize everyone's safety, including the people who bring the LiveStream services to you, and we'll continue to do so. I've consulted with Church Council and other leaders about returning to in-person worship. I respect their thoughtfulness. Personally, I'm prepared to allow up to 17 people to attend in-person worship beginning on the **First Sunday in Advent, November 29th**. Details about how to make a reservation to attend and safety protocols will be sent soon.

**Now, a word of caution:** If you've been following the news, you're aware that Covid-19 cases are dramatically spiking in the Commonwealth and every borough and township in Montgomery County, according to the county's health commissioner. The positivity rate of new cases is also rising, along with hospitalizations and deaths. I'll continue to review the community's medical status daily as we continue to make plans to move forward to in-person worship. In the meantime, please feel free to offer feedback to me or our Lay Leader, Paul Bonner. Moreover, the LiveStream team and I will do our very best to make the virtual services as rich, meaningful, and sustaining as possible. We'll get through this together, my brothers and sisters, and I know all will be well since God is with us, and that's the best of all!

Peace,

Pastor Bill



### **Thank You From Joni and Alan**

Joni and Alan Dickel would like to thank all of those who have been supplying meals to them over the last several weeks. They are overwhelmed with the generosity and thoughtfulness that has been directed their way since Alan's surgery. Please continue to pray for both Alan and Joni as they go through healing and physical therapy for both of them. If you can still provide a meal for them going forward, it

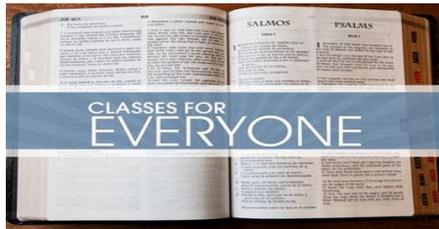
would be much appreciated. If you'd like to treat them to a restaurant meal for delivery, they enjoy Outback Steakhouse and American Star Diner. Please contact Becky in the office if you'd like to be added to the schedule. Thanks for all of your help.



### Lansdale UMC Children's Ministry on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Miss Liz Bonner posts interesting items for our children to watch, read and do throughout the week. Click the image to join us on Facebook.

Miss Liz also LiveStreams the weekly Sunday School lesson on our YouTube channel at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Click here to access our YouTube Channel.



### New Horizons Fellowship

This Sunday's Bible Study via Zoom is titled "Esther Bible Study" based on Esther 3-7. Anyone is welcome to join us in the Zoom meeting.

Meeting ID: 875 4237 2475

Passcode: 710204

### 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



### Zoom Bible Studies

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 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



### Conversations on Race

On Wednesday, November 18th, at 6:00 p.m., our one-hour Conversations on Race resume with an analysis of the presidential election results and what they say about racism in America. Join the conversation. Here's the Zoom

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87919827576pwd=NVJlZld3V0dtRitERWVKdmcxRDhUdz09>; Meeting ID: 879 1982 7576; Passcode: 573307. Here's a link to a Politico article you might consider reading in preparation:

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/11/11/how-biden-swung-the-religious-vote-435954>.

**Hillside College Online Symposium:** Hillside College's online symposium, "Race in America: History and Controversies," has been posted on our website and can also be accessed [here](#).

**Whites Confront Racism:** Anti-Racism education arouses new awareness,

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action. Click [here](#) to read this EPAUMC article.

## From Church and Society Committee

November is **Native American Heritage Month**, a time to remember that Native Americans live and

work among us today. They are not just names for roads and rivers or names for 26 states in our nation. They are more than a mascot for sports teams that typically display a stereotypical logo that is demeaning and offensive.

## Annual Inclusiveness Conference to be Held Over Zoom on November 14

The fourth Annual Inclusiveness Conference sponsored for laity and clergy the [United Methodist Association of Retired Clergy & Friends \(UMARC\)](#) will be held virtually over Zoom on Saturday, November 14. The webinar begins at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 2:45 p.m. (Eastern). This year's theme is "Building a World that Works for All" that will focus on recent developments within United Methodism, including dismantling racism and diminishing homophobia.



## November's Mission Emphasis -- Red Bird Mission

Red Bird Mission was founded in 1921 in the southeastern corner of Kentucky to provide education and Christian evangelism ministries to

residents of the area. The Mission was started by the Evangelical Church on a small piece of property, at the confluence of Cow Fork and the Red Birth River. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Red Bird Mission. You can support *November's Mission Emphasis* in three easy ways: Snail mail your check payable to LUMC with the memo line: "Red Bird" and put it in your Blue Envelope. Or go to the [giving page](#) on our website; click the "Giving" dropdown menu and search for *Red Bird*. Or, you can send a test message of your gift to 73256 with the message "Lansdale First UMC." Thank you for your generous support!



### **This Year's Giving Trees Look a Little Different**

We cannot set up the Giving Trees and follow the usual procedure this year; however, we still plan to support Laurel House, Methodist Services, and the Glad Tidings Christmas gift shop at Haws Avenue UMC. This year, we are not requesting any specific gifts due to concerns regarding shopping, collecting gifts, and delivering gifts. We are asking anyone who is considering supporting this Mission to make a donation for any amount you feels is appropriate by check or cash (sent or delivered to LUMC); please be sure to mark "Giving Tree" on the memo line of your check. You can also give via text or online through the LUMC website. We will send the money to the organizations, and they will purchase gift cards or gifts. Please have your donation made by **THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**, so that Pastor Bill can bless these gifts at the November 22 service.

### **RENT ASSISTANCE**



Have you been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic? Help is available.

### **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.



### **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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### 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!



### Need Help With Remote Learning?

We have a person in our congregation, certified in teaching K12 with an area of interest in math, who is offering their services to any parent or student having trouble with remote learning. If you're a parent who needs some guidance in how to assist your child(ren) learning remotely, please contact the church office, and Becky can put you in contact with them. Help is available for both parents and students.

### **UPDATED! – COVID-19 STATUS – NEW!**

#### ***Commonwealth in a Spike***

**As of Monday, November 9th**, the Commonwealth of PA is reporting the highest case totals of Covid-19 since this odyssey began in March--3,402 new cases. The positivity rate is on a steep rise in Montgomery County. 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. Faithful, prudent, and safe decisions will be announced when applicable. In the meantime, please commit yourselves to prayers for all those who have suffered personal and economic losses during the pandemic emergency.



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