



November 26, 2020



The office will be closed today, November 26, and Friday, November 27, in recognition of Thanksgiving.

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### Let Us Know You Worship With Us!

Find this week's Virtual Friendship Pad [here](#).



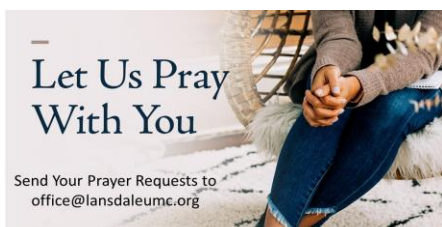
### Download This Week's Bulletin and Songs

Find this week's bulletin and songs [here](#).



### Advent Begins This Sunday!

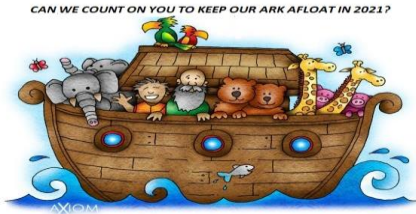
Hope, Faith, Peace, Joy, and Love are more than Advent words this year. As we begin on Sunday, November 29th the Season of Advent in the mess called 2020, these traditional words shed and spread the light so sorely needed as we struggle with Covid-19, with the increasingly darker days, and with all our losses and griefs. The LiveStream services during the season focus on these words, as we light a candle on the Advent Wreath for each, and hear Gospel stories to give our purposeful waiting some meaning, of preparing the way for Christ to heal our hearts and souls. Join us in the lightings on these upcoming Sundays. Light a candle with us during the services. Let your light shine this Advent!



### 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.



**We've got an idea to float by you! We've gone this far with Covid-19! What more do we need? We need to keep our Ark afloat!**

Covid-19's disruption still waves across the spectrum of life. It disrupts daily routines at home, school, and work. It disrupts weddings, funerals, and graduations. It disrupts access to travel, medical care, entertainment, and places of worship. It disrupts the economy and industry from restaurants to car manufacturers. It disrupts sports for athletes and fans of every age. It's even disrupted an election. We're not through the storm yet. But we're getting through it! Click [here](#) to read more of our Urgent Appeal.



### **Website News!**

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



### **Return to In-Person Worship Is On Hold!**

By Pastor Bill Lentz

Friends in Christ! There's great interest in returning to in-person worship as soon as possible. People are missing the church terribly. I know this very well.

I miss seeing and worshipping with you too. However, we're still in a pandemic

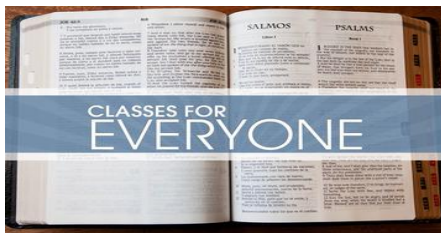
emergency, and it's not safe, faithful, or prudent to return yet. The spread of Covid-19 is more virulent now than in the spring and summer. While a vaccine is in sight, it won't likely be available for mass inoculations until well into 2021. So, for now, let's see how the second wave progresses. I'll continue to monitor daily the medical status of the county and borough. I'll keep the congregation posted. My prayers are with you as I eagerly await the return! Be well. Peace. Click [here](#) to read Bishop Peggy Johnson's letter concerning returning to in-person worship during this time of Covid-19.



### 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

New Horizons is taking this Sunday off and will resume next Sunday, December 6. 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



### **Advent Zoom Bible Studies**

You can join your congregation-friends and me at

two Bible Studies during the Season of Advent. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 7:00 by Zoom! As we've done so far, we'll look at the Tuesday and Thursday daily lectionary readings for the season. You can make the study a spiritual practice to get you ready for, perhaps, the most unusual Advent and Christmas seasons in our lifetimes! I hope you join in! You'll find the Zoom Bible Studies links [here](#).



### **Conversations on Race - Update**

Conversations on Race recently resumed with an analysis of the presidential election results and what they say about racism in America. Our group decided to concentrate its efforts on a meaningful Lenten experience to face the "isms" (racism, sexism, classism) that keep us from meeting our neighbors eye-to-eye as equals in Christ's eyes, on a level plain. If you'd like to help plan the experience, you're welcome to join the conversation. The next Zoom Meeting will be announced soon. Here's the Zoom

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87919827576pwd=NVJlZld3V0dtRitERWVKdmcxRDhUdz09>; Meeting ID: 879 1982 7576; Passcode: 573307.



### **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.





### **December's Mission Emphasis -- St. John UMC, Bridgeton, NJ**

St. John UMC in Bridgeton, NJ is designated as an Historic Native American Methodist Church, and is the fifth oldest Native American Church in the nation. It is the home church to many members of the Nanticoke and Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation. The church building has been described as a “place of meeting for tribal affairs when none were available or allowed and a place of ministry to help the spiritual and physical needs of those in need.” They are working very hard to feed the families in the Tribe and community. There is enormous poverty. In December, 2019, they served 65-80 people a month. Recently, they served 428 families, 70% of which returned five times of the 7 times they were open. They also have a diaper ministry that is always in need. You can support *December's Mission Emphasis* in 3 easy ways: Snail mail your check payable to LUMC with the memo line : “St. John UMC” 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 *St. John UMC*. Or, you can send a text message of your gift to 73256 with the message “LansdaleFirstUMC.” Thank you for your generous support!



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

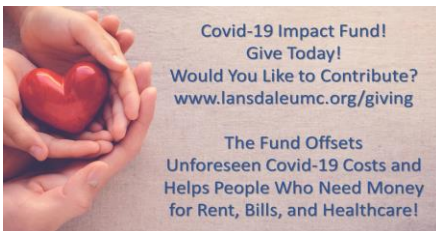
Red Bird Mission was founded in 1921 in the southeastern corner of Kentucky to provide education and Christian evangelism ministries to residents of the area. The Mission was started by the Evangelical Church on a small piece of property, at the confluence of Cow Fork and the Red Birth River. Click [here](#) 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!



### 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.



### 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 23rd**

The Commonwealth of PA is still reporting increasing case totals of Covid-19. The positivity rate has reached 10% around the state, signaling the virus is not under control. 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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