

Lansdale United Methodist Church January 3, 2021



300 N. Broad Street • Lansdale, PA • 19446

Second Sunday after Christmas Day 9:00 a.m. LiveStream Worship Service

Pre-Service Music

Ruth Rineer

Greeting and Welcome

Pastor Bill Lentz

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Audio Prelude

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Casting Crowns

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Song

Go, Tell It On the Mountain
Rays Koshy, Ruth Rineer, and Wayne Wylie

Readings

Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:10-18

Sermon

The Dwelling God

Song

The Birthday of a King

Call to Generosity and Prayers

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Song

Still, Still, Still

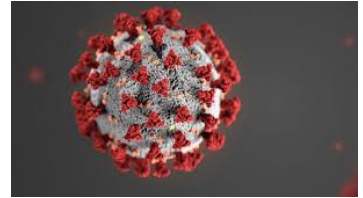
Blessing

Audio Postlude

Behold Emmanuel

Steve Green

**UPDATED! – COVID-19 STATUS – NEW!
Commonwealth Continues an Outbreak
Christmas Surge Likely to Spike**



On **Monday, December 28th**, the Commonwealth of PA is averaging 4,621 new coronavirus cases a day over the past two days, down from over 10,000 cases a day two weeks ago. The positivity rate in the Commonwealth stands at 14.9%, signaling the virus is not under control. Montgomery County's positivity rate is 11.1%, which means an outbreak is still in progress. LUMC will remain in its current limited opening status 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.

Zoom Bible Studies Resume Jan. 5 & 7!



You can join your congregation-friends and me at two Bible Studies to study the appointed lectionary readings for Tuesdays and Thursdays during the period between Epiphany Sunday and Ash Wednesday. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 7:00 by Zoom! You could make the study a spiritual practice to get you ready for the seasons of Lent and Easter. I hope you join in! Use these Zoom Meeting links to access the studies!

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/96861616463?pwd=dIU2OHFjUnFIOFJjNnNCU1htK2pmZz09>
Password: 020706

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/96541778998?pwd=RGlsQkhtanZaQ3lVSjFOb2oza3VYdz09>
Password: 014790



Tune-In on Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.!

The Lansdale UMC Children's Ministry is on Facebook!! Watch Miss Liz LiveStream Sunday School each Sunday after worship, around 10:00 a.m., on this page. She also posts interesting items for our children to watch, read, and do throughout

the week.

ON HOLD

Return to In-Person Worship Is On Hold! – Updated!

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. The vaccine has arrived, but it won't likely be available for mass inoculations until well into 2021. Please prayerfully consider taking the vaccine when your approved group is called upon. We'll see how the second wave progresses with the vaccinations. 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. Pastor Bill.



How to Contact Us!

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On Facebook Live and the YouTube Channel!
Listen Anytime on the Website!
lansdaleumc.org
Click “Worship” on the Navigation Bar!

Jack Armstrong (1/1)
Joelle Pitts (1/4)
George Abraham (1/7)
Jeanne Decembrino (1/12)
Joanne Baringer (1/14)
Christine Regino (1/14)

Happy Birthday to You!

Vicki Reynolds (1/1)
Courtney Flango (1/6)
Sementa Ryder (1/9)
Dan Jenkins (1/12)
Zoeh John (1/14)
Matthew Gisondi (1/15)

Grace Murray (1/4)
Ed Hartmann (1/6)
Chris Noll (1/11)
Emma Regino (1/12)
Kim Murray (1/14)
Ron Meyers (1/16)

Happy Anniversary to You!

Carol & Neil Hagenbuch (1/6)
Jill & Mike Nickerson (1/14)

January's Mission Emphasis – Manna on Main Street



Manna on Main Street is committed to ending hunger in the North Penn region by providing food, fulfilling social service and education needs, and conducting community outreach. Through a food pantry and soup kitchen, emergency financial aid, counseling and referrals, and education opportunities, we serve those in need with the hope “that everyone might be fed.” Missions supports Manna through our special envelopes that focus on different needs each month. You can support *January's Mission Emphasis* in 3 easy ways: Snail mail your check payable to LUMC with the memo line : “Manna on Main Street” and put it in your Blue Envelope. Or go online to www.lansdaleumc.org/giving. Click the “Giving” dropdown menu and search for *Manna on Main Street*. Or, you can send a text message of your gift to 73256 with the message “LansdaleFirstUMC.” Thank you for your generous support!

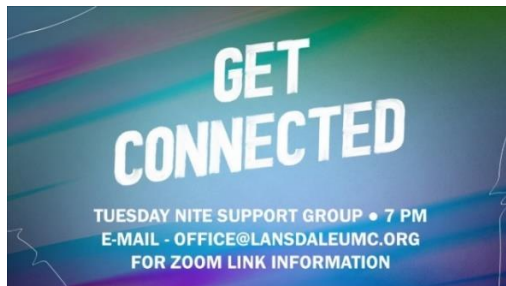


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Covid-19's disruption is still waving across the spectrum of our lives. The weeks between Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, and the New Year celebrations look to be quite difficult from a public health perspective. Covid-19 disrupts daily routines

at home, school, and work. It disrupts holiday traditions, weddings, funerals, and graduations. It disrupts access to travel, medical care, entertainment, and places of worship. It disrupts the economy and industry. It disrupts food security, creating miles-long lines at food pantries. A vaccine is on the horizon, presenting the first glimpse of light that this too shall pass! Read more of Pastor Bill's letter at <https://lansdaleumc.org/giving/>



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Audio Prelude

Italian Concerto 1st Movement

Bach

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Song

How Great Thou Art
Rays Koshy, Ruth Rineer, and Wayne Wylie

Readings

Psalm 29; Genesis 1:1-5; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Sermon

Two Beginnings Merge

Song

Down by the Jordan

Call to Generosity and Prayers

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Song

You Who Were Rich

Houghton/Worst

Blessing

Audio Postlude

Italian Concerto 3rd Movement

Bach

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