

**Lansdale United Methodist Church
February 14, 2021**



300 N. Broad Street • Lansdale, PA • 19446

Transfiguration Sunday

9:00 a.m. LiveStream Worship Service

Pre-Service Music

Ruth Rineer

Greeting and Welcome

Pastor Bill Lentz

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Audio Prelude

Ravel's *Jeux d'eau*

Martha Argerich

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Song

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Rays Koshy, Ruth Rineer, Wayne Wylie, and Zoeh John

Readings

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50; Mark 9:2-9

Sermon

The View from Up Here!

Song

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Call to Generosity and Prayers

Your generosity to LUMC makes ministry possible in our community and around the world! Thank you! You can give online at lansdaleumc.org/giving.

Song

Until Then

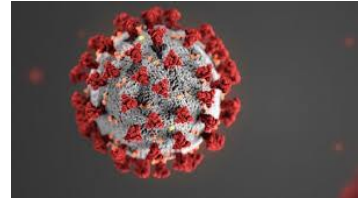
Farewell and Blessing

Audio Postlude

At the Cross

Chris Tomlin

UPDATED! – COVID-19 STATUS – NEW!
County Cases Flattening!



On **Tuesday, February 9th**, Montco's rate of new coronavirus cases inched up to 202 per 100,000 residents, but still an overall 12% drop over the last 14 days. The decline is holding and encouraging. The test positivity rate is at 8%, slightly higher than the recommended minimum rate of 5%. At this level, the county is still at very high risk based on per capital cases and test positivity. Caution is wise. The British variant of Covid-19 is reported in the county as of January 28th. LUMC will remain in its current status of restricted opening for LiveStream worship and other approved uses. The numbers are moving in the right direction! Vaccinations will help us!



New! - Zoom Bible Studies in Lent! You can join your congregation, friends, and Pastor Bill at two Zoom Bible Studies each week during Lent. The Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. gathering will remain as a study of the appointed lectionary readings for Tuesdays in Lent. **On Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during Lent**, Pastor Bill will lead a **Lenten Bible Study**. The study will examine

the highlights of the Passion and Easter stories from the Four Gospels. Make the studies a spiritual practice to help you practice the means of grace during the seasons of Lent and Easter. We 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=RGIsQkhtanZaQ3lVSjFOb2oza3VYdz09>

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.



February 17th! Ash Wednesday Service Plans!

Lent 2021 begins this coming ***Ash Wednesday, February 17th***. A LiveStream service at 6:30 p.m. will include leading viewers to participate in two In-Home experiences: Distribution of Ashes and Holy

Communion. Be watching for a package to arrive at home, including all you'll need to participate fully in the service. Invite family and friends to join you. Share with joy what your church is doing during these extraordinary times!



How to Contact Us!

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LiveStream Worship on Facebook Live and the YouTube Channel!

Listen Anytime on the Website at www.lansdaleumc.org!

Click "Worship" on the Navigation Bar!

Happy Birthday to You!

Verna Colliver (2/14)	Cassie Nickerson (2/14)	Elizabeth Jebran (2/15)
Jen Manning (2/17)	Diana Perry (2/17)	Jenna Sementa (2/17)
Deb Moses-Elton (2/18)	Marilyn Hollenbeck (2/18)	Maura Kennedy (2/19)
Jaru Harris-Kurtz (2/20)	David Schaefer (2/20)	Jessica Baringer (2/24)
Anthony Scarpaci (2/24)	Holly Tilley (2/24)	Sharon Filaferro (2/25)

Happy Anniversary to You!

Jill and Richard Kriebel (2/14)



February's Mission Emphasis – Eastern PA

Conference Camps—Our Conference owns and operates four unique camps and retreat centers in different regions: Pocono Plateau (North District); Carson-Simpson Farm (East District); Camp Innabah (South District), and Gretna Glen (West District).

Lansdale UMC provides support for camps by raising money for supplies, scholarships, and sponsoring work days at Camp Innabah. You can support *February's Mission Emphasis* in 3 easy ways: Snail mail your check payable to LUMC with the memo line: "UMC Camps" and put it in your Blue Envelope. You can go online safely and securely at www.lansdaleumc.org/giving to make a contribution today. Click the "Giving" dropdown menu and search for *UMC Camps*. Or, you can send a text message of your gift to 73256 with the message "LansdaleFirstUMC." Thank you for your generous support!



"Can We Count
on You to Keep
Our Ark
Afloat?"

Make Your
Commitment
Today!

New! Encouraging News to Share!

At the recent meeting of the Finance Committee, our devoted treasurer, Darren Johnson, and financial secretary, Warren Shaedle, reported encouraging news that highlights the rising generosity of the members and friends of our church. Darren presented a 2020

Finance-Year-in-Review through the "Fund Balance Report" we're required to submit each year to the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The UMC. In that report, \$393,670 was received last year from congregational and other resources. The church disbursed \$350,900 to administrative and operational accounts like conference and general church apportionments, salaries, materials, building, and other church life expenses. We also received and disbursed \$16,225 in additional benevolence money to help people in need in our community and beyond. Darren further reports that our fund balance at the end of January is \$62,440, a healthy picture at the beginning of a new year still in a pandemic emergency. For all the generous giving, Thank You! God Bless You! Keep up the Generosity!

A fund balance from 2020 receipts of \$42,700 was carried over into 2021. All bills owed in 2020 to various vendors, creditors, and others were paid in full. We did not, however, pay the full apportionments to the conference (connectional ministries fund) or to the general church (general church fund). Joyfully, we did remit 100% of the apportionment to the World Service Fund, the missions arm of the Church. As we advance in 2021 and 2022, LUMC has been approved for a \$14,000 (connectional ministries fund) apportionment reduction over two years (\$7,000 each year). We owe thanks to the new district superintendent, Dr. Andrew Foster, for his help in providing some temporary financial relief.

Warren gave a review of the results of the financial commitments for 2021. There, too, the news is encouraging. Make no mistake, the church remains in risky financial shape, but we're holding on by the grace of God and your generosity. The news: 28 pledges remain the same as last year (Good!); 15 pledges increased over last year (Wonderful! Remarkable!); 8 pledges are less or giving what they can (Faithful!). Recent deaths, job losses, and relocations remove nearly \$30,000 over last year. Our prayers are sent with love to all! Overall: Slightly less pledged (-1.2%), but more pledges than last year(!) and pledges fund a higher percentage of the budget this year at 51%(!) (v.47% in 2020) and the 2021 shortfall to fund the entire budget is less than 2020 by \$4,200(!) Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

First Sunday in Lent

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Waymaker

Uriel Vega

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Song

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Rays Koshy, Ruth Rineer, Wayne Wylie, and Zoeh John

Readings

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; Mark 14:3-9

Sermon

In Memory of H.E.R.

Song

I Offer My Life/Give Thanks

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Song

What a Mighty God We Serve

Farewell and Blessing

Audio Postlude

Dance of the Blessed Spirits

Gluck/Ormandy

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