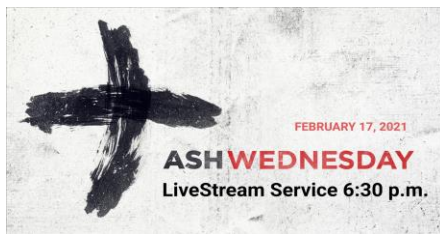




February 4, 2021



New! Ash Wednesday Service Plans!

Lent 2021 begins on 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,

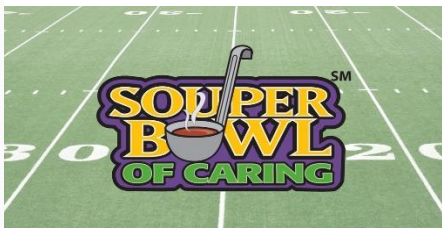
including all you'll need to participate fully in the service. Invite family and friends to join you. Share with joy what your church is doing during these extraordinary times!



Our Service is Simulcast Each Sunday on Facebook Live and YouTube!

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. on our Facebook Page [click here](#), or YouTube Channel [click here](#) for a weekly praise, prayer,

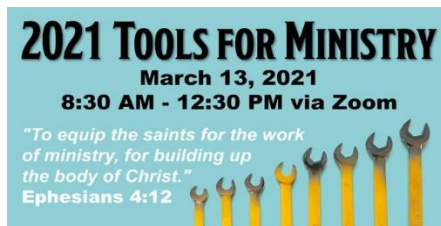
and proclamation celebration of God's love. We love discovering who worships with us, so [click here](#) to sign our Virtual Friendship Pad. Access our weekly digital bulletin to sing along and read the lessons, [click here](#), and you can listen to sermons when you [click here](#)! Our doors may be closed to worshippers right now, but our hearts, minds, and hands continue to serve. You're welcome to join us anytime!



New! Souper Bowl of Caring

Join [Souper Bowl of Caring](#) to help tackle the need for over 14 billion meals in 2021! Go to the [Tackle Hunger Map](#) and search for Lansdale area food

charities to support. You might even have time to organize a food drive for your favorite charity, like Manna on Main Street. In 2021 your donation soup pot may be virtual, but the need is GREAT!



Updated! 2021 Tools for Ministry!

On March 13, 2021, the EPAUMC offers this year's "Tools for Ministry" via Zoom. **Anyone serving our church on one of the administrative committees (Finance, SPRC, Nominations and Leadership Development, and Trustees) or one or more of the several ministry areas** are invited to participate in the event. There are morning and afternoon sessions! Training for service is a good way to stretch our spiritual gifts' muscles! Click [here](#) to be taken directly to the event page, where you can access the schedule, descriptions of workshops, and the registration material. (Pastor Bill will conduct a workshop on "Church Audits!" that's not to be missed!!)

New Leaders in 2021!

Last October, LUMC's leaders met for the annual Charge Conference with the new district superintendent, Dr. Andrew Foster. At that conference, interim officers in the church's administrative life were elected to serve through June 30, 2021. We welcome Kris Neild as Church Council chair, Samantha Satyavrata as Staff-Parish Relations Committee chair, Bob Kennedy as the new Board of Trustees chair, and Wayne Wylie vice-chair, Luann Ingram as secretary, and John Dasch as trustee accounts treasurer. Pastor Bill is chair of the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee (by UM Book of Discipline). He will continue to convene the Finance Committee until a new chair is selected. LUMC will return to holding a Church Conference to elect leaders sometime in March or April of this year. The Nominations and Leadership Development Committee begins working this month on developing a new slate of nominees. We thank those who have answered the call to serve!



Zoom Bible Studies

You can join your congregation-friends and me at two weekly. 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! Please contact [Becky](#) in the office for the new Zoom meeting ID and password. It has been changed.



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.



Website News!

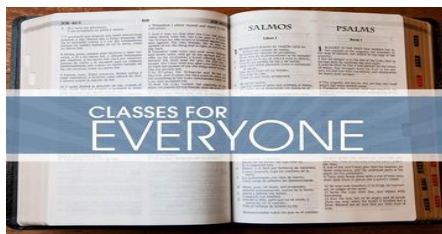
Did you know that we have a photo gallery on our website? Click [here](#) to go directly to it and see photos of Pastor Bill and Zoeh serving drive-through communion on Christmas Eve. Click on the e-CR banner on our website and go directly to this week's issue of the e-CR. Click [here](#) to try it! If you haven't set up your Members Only account, please refer to the e-mail you received in late August, 2020, or contact [Becky](#) in the office. Our website is always evolving. Please be sure to explore it often.



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, February 7, New Horizons will be discussing "Assurance" drawing from Romans 8:38-39 and related verses. The class meets via Zoom beginning at 10:00 a.m. following the Sunday morning worship service. This week we

will view a short video and read and discuss the scriptures noted above. Anyone is welcome to join our Zoom meeting at 10:00 a.m. by clicking [here](#).

Meeting ID: 875 4237 2475

Passcode: 710204

Wesleyan Class

Wesleyan Class will continue with inspirational meditations until we begin our Lenten study. All are welcome to participate. Contact Verna Colliver (vmcolliver@gmail.com) if you want to be added to the distribution list

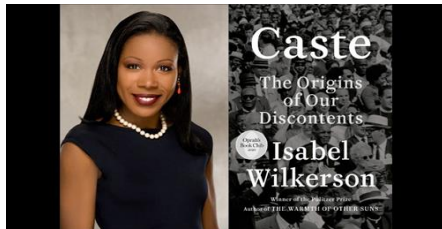


Conversations on Race

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.



Congregational Development Team & Commission on Religion and Race. On the heels of Gil Rendle's *Quietly Courageous* (Jan. 13 to Feb 3), the Congregational Development Team (CDT) Book Club will next launch into the Lenten season with a study of a new, highly

touted, instant classic ***Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*** (2020), by Isabel Wilkerson, examines the unspoken caste system of race that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions. Click [here](#) for more information on the Book Club's new study February 23 through March 23 at 11:00 a.m.



Students of Montgomery County Community College

Doing school online/ virtually is really hard, so the Montco Christian Club wants to help connect you w/ friendships & virtual bible study at Montco.

This group is a registered club and meets every

week for bible study, large group gatherings and game nights via Zoom. If you're interested, please contact Brady Rennix, campus minister at:

MontcoChristianClub@gmail.com

Facebook group page - "**Montco Christian Club (BCM, CRU & FCA)**"

On Instagram - **@Montco_christianclub**



February's Mission Emphasis - United Methodist 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 supports 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. Or go online to www.lansdaleumc.org/giving. 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!



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 over \$4,400 to pay 7

rents, make 1 car repair, buy 1 bundle of groceries, help one person get current with their electric bill, help one person get current with their health insurance premiums, and partner with another UMC to provide Christmas presents for 2 families. 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!

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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.



Return to In-Person Worship Continues On Hold!

Grace and peace to the people of LUMC:

My prayers are always with you. I pray for your health and wellness. I pray for your ever-

deepening relationship with God the Father, God

the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. It's wise to review from time to time where we are at LUMC relative to the pandemic emergency and a return to in-person worship.

Our church's "Phased Reopening Guidelines" were approved last June and are in play today. You can read the guidelines when you [click here](#). The guidelines obligate LUMC to follow the directives of the CDC and the Commonwealth.

Currently, Montgomery County is in a "red zone" as defined by the directives. Red zones have more than 100 new cases per 100,000 residents and a diagnostic test positivity result of above 10 percent. Lansdale's test positivity rate is 10.23% as of January 11. The red zone restricts gatherings. Therefore, keeping in-person worship on hold based on the numbers and our own guidelines is in order.

Remember, every Thursday, a Covid-19 alert is updated and published in the eCR (at the bottom) and in the bulletin that's mailed bi-weekly to congregants who are not online. The bulletin is also uploaded onto the website under the worship section at the Sunday Bulletins subsection. In that update, case numbers and positivity rates in the Commonwealth and Montgomery County are reported. We'll publish the weekly update on the website banner for easier access for those comfortable with technology. Since the vaccine rollout is slow, it's impractical to speculate on when we'll return to anything that looks "normal" on Sunday mornings. As you no doubt know, vaccinations for Covid-19 are slowly being distributed. Higher vaccination rates will be helpful in the long run. Please get your vaccination when it's available to you! Once we see how vaccinations are progressing within the congregation, we'll look to returning to in-person worship. Remember, it's still unclear if vaccinated people can carry and transmit the virus. Vaccination is not a cure-all, but it is a very positive and hopeful sign. We can all understand and sympathize with the loss and pain Covid-19 is causing the church. We long to be with each other. We also need to protect the congregation. As the church's pastor, along with its leaders, we take the responsibility to do that. Following the Covid-19 Phased Reopening Guidelines

of LUMC is the way to go forward for the time being. Your responses and questions are welcome.

In the name of Christ, our Lord,
Pastor Bill

UPDATED! – COVID-19 STATUS – NEW!

Steady Decline in Cases Continues

On **Wednesday, February 3rd**, Montco's incidence rate of new coronavirus cases fell sharply from 240 to 204 per 100,000 residents. Its positivity rate fell from 8.8 to 8.5%. According to commonwealth and county health agencies, though the decline is certainly encouraging, Montco remains in a "very high-risk" infection rate category. Large gatherings are not recommended. Vaccinations, though slow in distribution, bode well for the future. If you're comfortable doing so, please receive your vaccination when your group is called. The county's vaccine webpage is <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Vaccine/Pages/Vaccine.aspx>. Based on the current 14-day data, LUMC will remain in its current status of "limited opening" until further notice. An exception is made for the LiveStream service on Sunday mornings and other approved exceptions determined by the Pastor and the Trustees. Faithful, prudent, and safe decisions will be announced when applicable. In the meantime, please commit your prayers for the 1,099 county residents who succumbed to the virus along with the more than 400,000 Americans. Please pray for all those who have suffered personal and economic losses during the pandemic emergency.



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