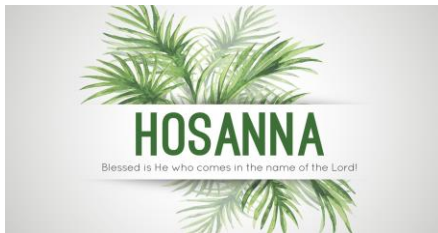




March 25, 2021



March 28th is Palm-Passion Sunday!

Lent's journey reaches its sixth stop in Jerusalem for the solemn remembrance of his entry into the Holy City and his Passion on the cross. We'll look at Mark's account of Jesus' death and burial, very intimate moments in a human being's life. Mark's version takes a deep breath and looks back over the scenes of the day. Evening falls, and the moon is full and bright. The afternoon's unholy darkness gives way to twilight, and all seems to return to normal. A godly man named Joseph, from the town of Arimathea, makes a risky move and asks for the body of Christ, which is granted to him. He has a new tomb waiting to receive the Messiah. Joseph is the one who buys a linen shroud, washes the body of Jesus, shrouds it, and lays it in the tomb before sealing it with a stone. All activities had to be completed before the day's end. The women with Jesus at the crucifixion are with him again in mourning as the tomb is sealed. His body's complete preparation for its long sleep isn't possible, but the women see where Jesus' corpse lies in repose. They tuck the location in their hearts, planning to return and complete their loving task. As we approach Holy Week and Easter, let's be aware of God's reconciling love that's still at work today, healing the sick, comforting the dying, feeding the soul, and walking with the forgotten.



LiveStream Schedule of Services for Holy Week and Easter!

The Holy Week and Easter Sunday LiveStream schedule is announced today with great expectation. Mark March 28, April 1, April 2, and April 4 on your

calendars to experience the full depth of the profoundly important accounts of Jesus' life that have changed the world and our lives. LiveStream services on **Palm Sunday** and **Easter Sunday** are at **9:00 a.m.**, with lively pre-service music beginning at **8:45 a.m.** On **Maundy Thursday**, a LiveStream service will start with music at **6:00 p.m.**, and worship will begin at **6:30 p.m.** Then, on **Good Friday**, a 3-hour LiveStream service from **12:00 - 3:00 p.m.** will feature readings, meditations, art, and music at the top and bottom of each hour for 15-minutes (:00-:15 and :30-:45). The Broadcast Team is honored to bring worship to your homes during the sacred season of Holy Week and Easter. Spread the word! Invite family and friends to join you! Announce to all you know that Christ Is Risen! Don't forget to visit the church's Holy Week 2021 page on our [website](#) to access services and information to help you participate meaningfully in all the services. Blessed Holy Week and Easter to all!



Miss Liz's Good Friday Plan!

Hi everyone,

Can you believe Spring is finally here, and Easter is only a little over a week away! I am so excited. It's my favorite time of year. I would like to invite you all to take part in our Good Friday VIRTUAL activity. We will be making Resurrection Gardens. I will be dropping off everything you need next

weekend. Then I will post a video Wednesday evening that we can make our gardens together. It will not be live, so that if you can't do it on Friday, you can choose a time that is best for your family. Please let me know if you would like to take part in this. I encourage all of you to have fun with this great family event. This is for Adults, children and teens. Please be sure to RSVP [here](#) with your name, address, phone number and e-mail so that I can bring the goodies to you. I wish you all a wonderful Holy Week and Easter!!



Easter Hop at Jarrettown UMC

Sunday, March 28 (Rain Date - Saturday, April 3)

2 to 4 pm

Church Parking Lot (1460 LImekiln Pike, Dresher)

Join us for a fun afternoon of socially-distanced Easter activities:

- Travel around our "Bunny Stations" for games/activities and treats.
- Families need to select a time slot so children and adults are distanced appropriately.
- The Easter Bunny will be hopping around to wave hello.
- Masks are required.
- Bring your Easter basket!!! Click [here](#) for more information and to register or contact [Becky](#) in the office.



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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!



Mission Opportunity with Bethel Hill UMC

This April we celebrate Easter, the most important event in the history of the world: Christ died to forgive our sins and the sins of the world. Three days later he rose from the grave, he then ascended into heaven forty days later. His gift is offered with only one

condition, that we accept Christ into our hearts. In Matthew 22, verses 34 thru 40 he gives us his two greatest commandments; "Love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul and with all your mind; and the second one; Love your neighbor as yourself." Our mission project addresses both.

We are all blessed to different degrees; with individual talents that we can share with others to praise our Lord. The week after Easter we have an opportunity to construct an entire frame of a home, which will be given to a deserving family in the Lehigh Valley. Click [here](#) for more details.

SUMMER INTERN

Arch Street United Methodist Church/The Center - Philadelphia is Looking for a Summer Ministry Intern

The Summer Ministry Team Intern will engage the congregation and its community partners in developing and implementing faith strengthening, community building and justice-seeking activities. Using pastoral care and community organizing strategies, the intern will recruit, train and engage congregants and community members in creating sustainable connections. The Summer Ministry Intern must be committed to working in solidarity with Serenity House Community Center (SHCC), The People's Garden community and Grace Cafe. The People's Garden, SHCC and Grace Cafe are extension ministries of Arch Street UMC/The Center-Philadelphia. The Center Philadelphia is the non-profit organization of Arch Street UMC. Arch Street UMC is a Sanctuary Church, a Justice-Seeking Congregation and a [Reconciling](#) Congregation committed to grassroots faith-based movements for social change. Click [here](#) for full details.



Zoom Bible Studies in Lent Continue!

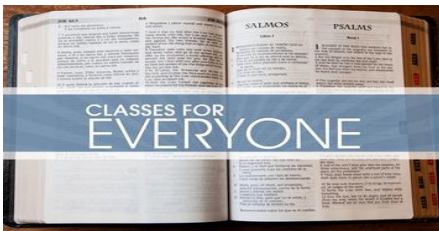
You can join your congregation, friends, and Pastor Bill at two Zoom Bible Studies each week during Lent. The **Tuesday mornings** at 10:00 a.m. gathering will remain as a study of the appointed lectionary readings for each of the Tuesdays in Lent. On **Thursday evenings** at 7:00 p.m. during Lent, Pastor Bill will lead a **Lenten Bible Study** called *Behold the Lamb, Behold the Man*, a biblical and theological examination of the *Lamb of God* title for Jesus used in the New testament. Make the studies a spiritual practice to help you practice the means of grace during the seasons of Lent and Easter. Contact [Becky](#) for the Zoom Meeting links to access the studies!



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, March 28, New Horizons will continue our Lenten journey discussing " Kindness of Strangers and Danger of Betrayal". The discussion will include scriptures from Matthew 25:31-46. We meet at 10:00 a.m. following the Sunday morning

worship service via Zoom (the connection details are below). Anyone is welcome to join by clicking [here](#).

Meeting ID: 875 4237 2475 Passcode: 710204

Wesleyan Class

The Wesleyan Class will continue the Lenten Bible Study started by email on February 21. *Character Matters: 7 Things the Lord Hates* with eight weekly sessions. The Rev. Steve Morton, District Superintendent, developed and produced the eight-session, multi-media resource. It includes video presentations featuring district Elders and a special Easter message recorded by Bishop Peggy Johnson to culminate the series. 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=NVJIZld3V0dtRitERWVKdmcxRDhUdz09>;

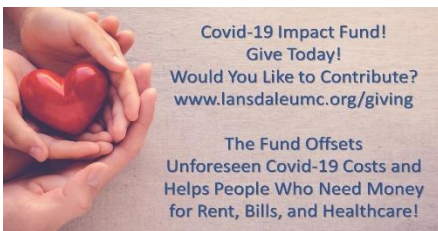
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March's Mission Emphasis – UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special offering, laying the foundation for the [United Methodist Committee on Relief's ministry](#) of relief

and hope. UMCOR's work of alleviating human suffering around the world includes disaster relief and supplies, disaster risk reduction, health, and humanitarian development. UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday. In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes. You can learn more about UMCOR Sunday [here](#). You can support *March's Mission Emphasis* in 3 easy ways: Snail mail your check payable to LUMC with the memo line: "UMCOR Sunday" and put it in your Blue Envelope. You can go online safely and securely [here](#) to make a contribution today. Click the "Giving" dropdown menu and search for *UMCOR*. 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

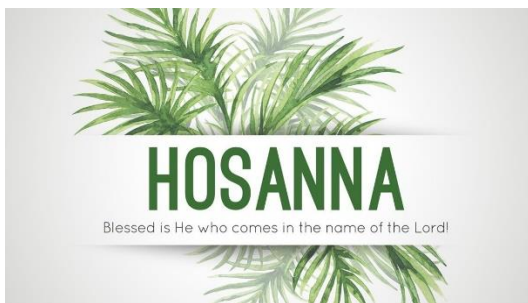
Covid-19 Impact Fund Is Making a Difference

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 \$5,200 to pay 10 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.

Click on an image below for more information:



UPDATED! – COVID-19 STATUS – NEW!

A Call to Caution and Vaccination!

As of today, **Thursday, March 25**, the daily report on the case count in Montco is 277 per 100,000 residents. The optimal goal is fewer than 100 cases reported within a 14-day period. We're not quite there yet. Currently, Montco's case count is on a plateau, which is not the best news. According to CDC guidelines, the county remains in the **very high risk** category at current levels. The White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Commonwealth, and county health authorities rank Montco at the same level. The test positivity rate is holding at 5%, which suggests that cases are undercounted. Vaccinations are proceeding, which is genuinely **great news!** Vaccinations will get us back to in-person worship in the quickest way. Please consider prayerfully receiving one of the safe and effective vaccines. For the time being, caution is the wisest course of action. LUMC will remain in its current status of limited openings for LiveStream worship and other approved uses. Let your prayers flow for the many who are suffering, hospitalized, and for those who have died and for those grieving their losses.



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