



April 8, 2021



It's the Second Sunday of Easter on April 11!

Christ is risen! The Second Sunday is known as "Eighth Day Sunday" as it falls eight days after Easter. Also known as "Thomas Sunday," the usual reading is the eighth day after Easter story of the disciple Thomas meeting the risen Lord and seeing

his wounds, which prompts his great confession, "My Lord, and my God!" from John 20:26-29. However, this Sunday, Pastor Bill will preach the original sermon he planned to preach last Sunday from Mark 16:1-8, "The Perfect Ending." If you couldn't worship with us, PB preached a sermon based on John 20:1-18, reflecting on the dreadful Good Friday killing of a US Capitol police officer, William "Billy" Evans. Miss Liz told the Mary Magdalene story with dramatic flair and deep faith during the service (thanks, Miss Liz). Join us on Facebook or YouTube!



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!



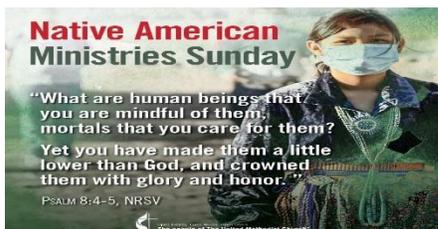
In-Person Worship Survey -- We invite you to take an online worship service to aid in planning for a return to in-person worship. Optimism grows daily about returning to in-person worship as more and more Americans are vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus. Vaccinations are key to returning safely. Your

participation will help immensely in making decisions about returning. The asterisk (*) indicates that all questions require a response, or your answers won't be included in the survey analysis. Please answer all the questions, so the best data is revealed. Click [here](#) to go directly to the survey. Thank you!



Your Housing Tips Will Be Helpful! -- Your new pastor, Stew Warner, is actively looking for housing. With such a hot housing market, homes are moving at a breakneck speed. Your housing tips are essential to help in the process. Keep your eyes open for new sales signs. Keep your ears open

about homes to come up for sale. All tips are welcome. Please send your tip to office@lansdaleumc.org. Thank you!!



Native American Ministries Sunday -- April 18, 2021 -- Your offering supports ministries to Native Americans in rural, urban, and reservation areas and provides scholarships to UM schools of theology. Food staples cultivated by indigenous peoples include corn, beans, squash, potatoes, pumpkins,

sunflowers, tomatoes, peppers, and wild rice. The coordinator for the Committee on Native American Ministries for the Tennessee Conference of The United Methodist Church, Mary T. Newman, shares some of the food preservation methods used by indigenous peoples. Watch Native American Food Preservation - **A**

UMCommunications video [here](#). Remember our Native American brothers and sisters during this pandemic and celebrate their gifts to our church family and communities. In 2020 United Methodists gave \$273,741 to the Native American Ministries Sunday offering. Thank you for your generosity! You can support NAM Sunday in 3 easy ways: Snail mail your check payable to LUMC with the memo line: "Native American Ministries" 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 *Native American Ministries*. Or, you can send a text message of your gift to 73256 with the message “LansdaleFirstUMC.” Thank you for your generous support!



Higher Education Scholarships from the EPAUMC

-- April 26 is rapidly approaching. On that date, the Education Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church will be accepting grant applications to assist worthy individuals with defraying the cost of higher education for the 2021-2022 school year. The application is available on the Conference website. It can be accessed as “Education Society Grants” [here](#). All applications received in the Conference Office (between and including) April 26 to May 10 will be considered for a grant. Like last year, all applications will be considered. Unless there is some disqualification, grant recipients will be randomly selected. If you have questions, please contact the Education Society Chairperson, Al Adey [here](#).



March 29, 2021 To the United Methodists of the Northeastern Jurisdiction From the College of Bishops of the Northeastern Jurisdiction

Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, We thank God for you and commend the clergy and congregational leaders for your leadership. These have been difficult and isolating times for many and yet you are leading our most vital ministry, congregations and community ministries with conviction and determination. You have demonstrated the gifts of courage, leadership, innovation and grace. Thank you. Today, we announce the coverage of Episcopal Areas in the Northeastern Jurisdiction effective September 1, 2021. Read the entire letter from our Council of Bishops [here](#).



April's Mission Emphasis - Mission Opportunity with Bethel Hill UMC -- After Jesus' resurrection, he spent 40 days appearing to his followers and encouraging them to continue his mission of loving God, loving neighbors, and proclaiming the coming of the New Kin-ship. As he ascended to heaven, he sent

his people on a mission that continues with us. **From April 9-11**, volunteers are needed to build a house frame in the Lehigh Valley. Details are available [here](#) on our website. You'll find specific instructions and procedures there if you're interested in helping. Or contribute to defray the material's costs and build a fund for future endeavors. Click [here](#) to go to our website's giving page to contribute to our monthly mission emphasis. All donations sent will be in loving honor of *Peter Noll, Jim Newell, Jim Fisher, Bob Snyder, George Starrett, and Merrill Alderfer*, whose dedication to missions was life-changing. You can make a life-changing gift today. Click [here](#) for more details about the house-framing project the week after Easter!.

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.



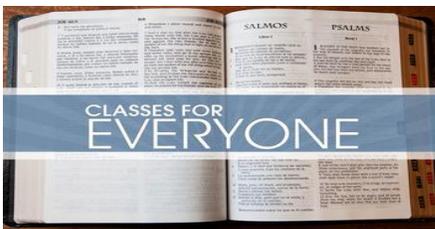
Zoom Bible Studies Continue! -- You can join your congregation, friends, and Pastor Bill at two Zoom Bible Studies each week during Lent. The **Tuesday mornings** at 10:00 a.m. gathering will remain as a study of the appointed lectionary readings for each of the Tuesdays in Lent. On **Thursday evenings** 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, April 11, New Horizons will be discussing "5 Lessons I Have Learned From Observing Lent" by Dawn Benson Jones. The discussion will include scriptures from Philippians 2:5-8. 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 at that time 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=NVJlZld3V0dtRitERWVKdmcxRDhUdz09;>

Meeting ID: 879 1982 7576; Passcode: 573307.



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!

Caution and Optimism!

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Montgomery County are experiencing a spike in coronavirus cases, including two variants. Going in the wrong direction with cases isn't the best news. According to the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Montgomery County health authorities, Montco remains in the **very high risk** category at current levels. The county's test positivity rate has risen to **8%**,

which indicates the virus is not in control and 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 several 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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