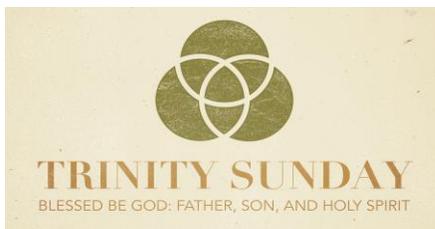




May 27, 2021



May 30th is Trinity Sunday!

Traditionally, the First Sunday after Pentecost is "Trinity Sunday." It's the only Sunday in the Christian year devoted entirely to a sacred doctrine and a word that doesn't appear in the Bible. The Three-in-One personage of God has supporting witnesses in both Testaments and is specifically formulated in Matthew 28: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." LUMC will observe the day with hymns, prayers, and preaching to illuminate the inner life of God, a union of love. Here's Pastor Bill's sermon theme: When God is with us and for us, God comes as the Holy Spirit. The Way, which was the name for the early church, began first as God's gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit came for empowering, sustaining, nurturing, inspiring, commissioning, calling, and credentialing the church for unity and communion with the Triune God. God is present, revealed, incomprehensible, complex, resourceful, persistent, and deeply, unconditionally loving. Christians do the impossible: thinking, feeling, loving, and acting in faithfulness to the Triune God who has been faithful to us. In this, we find true life is holy living: when God reaches out to us, rescues us from meaninglessness by grace and love through faith, giving us a new birth from above, and giving us a divine mystery to live by. Our In-Person and LiveStream service begins at 9:00 a.m. Audio pre-service music begins at 8:45 a.m. 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 Registration Is Open for May 30! Online LiveStream Continues! -- Last Sunday's "soft opening" return to in-person worship was successful and smooth, thanks to help from attendees and those who served as ushers. Registration is open for Sunday's service

at 9:00 a.m. and will close on **Saturday, May 29 at noon**. You can register by clicking [here](#). This week, we'll relax the protocols to include more worshippers. Fully, partially, and unvaccinated people are invited to register. You will find additional protocols on the registration form. Transitions require patience, helpfulness, and grace. With gratitude, we count on all concerned to step up and help the process be as smooth and pleasant as possible.



Speaking of Transitions! **Sunday, June 20th**, will be a day of transitions and heartfelt goodbyes. **Becky Conrad** has announced to the SPRC her decision to depart from LUMC on June 15th. Becky's moving on to pursue an exciting new career opportunity in her life. Let's be happy for

her and her family. As LUMC's administrative assistant, Becky's been the glue that's held us together in seasons of change and the pandemic emergency. She conducted her ministry with thoughtfulness, kindness, efficiency, organization, creativity, and faithfulness. LUMC will say goodbye to Becky on the 20th, and we'll send **Pastor Bill and Kathy** off to his next appointment at Hellertown: St Paul UMC on that day too.

After a two-year interim ministry here, he'll begin a half-time ministry in a small town south of Bethlehem and expand an extension ministry he's been pursuing since 2014. More details will follow. For now, let's hold Becky and Pastor Bill in our hearts with prayers and good wishes.



Church Office Re-Opening June 1! -- LUMC is pleased to announce the re-opening of the church office. On Tuesday, June 1st, the church office will open in person on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please observe sensible mitigation practices like wearing a mask if you are not fully vaccinated. You might telephone the church office (215-855-8364) before you arrive if you have business to conduct in person. The office is capable of Zoom virtual as well.



Peace With Justice Sunday, May 30 -- Peace With Justice Sunday is one of the special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. Each year, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, United Methodists celebrate efforts across the connection that are building peace. Thank You...! for your generosity in 2020! You

gave \$288,487 to the Peace with Justice Sunday offering. Peace with Justice is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. The offering is administered by the General Board of Church and Society and benefits peace with justice ministries in the Annual Conferences and around the world. In EPA Conference, one-half of the offering stays in the conference for local Peace with Justice ministries. Rev. Jessica Ross is the EPA Peace with Justice Coordinator who facilitates grants. Recent grants were awarded to:

1. Casa del Pueblo Latino Ministry for tutoring for immigrant families.
2. True Justice Conference on criminal justice reforms, especially for people and communities of color.
3. Delaware Valley Justice for Our Neighbors to legal assistance for immigrants.
4. Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence for neighborhood awareness days in Philadelphia
5. Phoenixville Bridges for education programs on root causes of poverty

You can support Peace With Justice Sunday in three ways: Snail mail your check payable to LUMC, memo: Peace With Justice Sunday or give here, click the dropdown menu to find Peace With Justice, or text message your gift to 73256 with the message "LansdaleFirstUMC." Thank you for your generous support!



Red Cross Blood Drive -- June 9, 2021 -- 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The American Red Cross has a constant and ongoing need for blood and platelet donations. With the ongoing pandemic, the Red Cross needs the help of blood and platelet donors and blood drive hosts to meet the needs of patient care. [Please schedule your donation appointment now to help prevent another blood shortage.](#)

The American Red Cross is testing all blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. As part of that effort, plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for COVID-19 antibodies may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. We are committed to helping others in meaningful ways during this pandemic. **The Red Cross is following FDA blood donation eligibility guidance for those who receive a COVID-19 vaccination. If you receive a vaccine, knowing the name of the manufacturer (e.g. Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson and Johnson) is important in determining your eligibility. In most cases, there's no deferral time if you receive a vaccine.**

Donating blood products is essential to community health and the need for blood products is constant. As part of our nation's critical infrastructure, healthy individuals can still donate in areas that have issued shelter in place declarations or are operating under a phased reopening plan. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need. As hospitals resume surgical procedures and patient treatments that were temporarily paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic, donors are urged to give now to ensure blood products are readily available for patients.



Class of 2021 Recognition

Are you or do you know a 2021 graduate? Pastor Bill will be recognizing graduates at worship on Sunday, June 13. Please e-mail Becky in the [office](#) with graduate's name, graduating from, degree, future plans, and a picture by Wednesday, June 9, to have your graduate recognized.



A Called Church Conference Is Set for June 13th!

On Sunday, June 13th, at 10:15 a.m., a Called Church Conference will be held in-person and by Zoom. D.S. Dr. Andrew Foster will conduct the conference. All church members in good standing are eligible to vote on two agenda items: (1) to authorize the Church Council to proceed with developing a plan to simplify the church's leadership and governance structure; and (2) to elect a slate of interim church offices to lead from July 1 to December 31, 2021. The Nominations and Leadership Committee will present the slate of nominees.

Here are the details: In the recent past, LUMC has held a called church conference to elect leadership for the ensuing year, usually in June, to cover a term from July 1 to June 30. That pattern was interrupted because of the Covid-19 pandemic emergency in 2020. It's now been deemed desirable to return to electing officers at the usual autumn charge conference. Interim officers have been serving diligently since January 1, whose term ends on June 30, 2021. In the meantime, the committee worked on a plan to simplify LUMC's governance by streamlining the number of people in leadership positions. The simplified leadership plan seeks to refocus the church toward mission and ministry teams and away from institutional-focused leadership. The simplified leadership plan concept was approved by the Church Council last Monday evening. It will now ask the Church Conference **on June 13th** to approve developing the plan for final approval in the autumn and the election of leaders to serve under the new plan. More details are forthcoming.



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May's Mission Emphasis - Keystone Opportunity Center

The mission of Keystone Opportunity Center is to help community members in need by offering a comprehensive array of social services that educate, encourage, and empower them to become self-sufficient. Their services include:

Housing the Homeless in Upper Bucks and Montgomery counties – Keystone Opportunity Center provides a continuum of support from Homelessness Prevention, Rental Assistance, and Eviction Diversion, to Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, and Permanent Supportive Housing. We provide case management across the board to help our families successfully get back on their feet and maintain safe housing. We also own/operate over two dozen affordable housing units. One important factor in homelessness in the US is a lack of affordable housing, so we are doing our part to increase the number of safe, affordable homes.

Feeding the Hungry – Keystone Opportunity Center operates a food pantry serving nearly 1,000 neighbors across the Souderton Area School District who are dealing with food insecurity. Pantry users qualify for assistance based on their income, and are allowed to visit the pantry once per month to receive a 3-day emergency supply, along with donated items from local farms, grocers or individuals.

Educating Adults – Keystone Opportunity Center provides life-changing education in several locations within Montgomery and Bucks counties, with the largest classes held in Souderton and Lansdale. Classes include English as a Second Language, High School Equivalency, Citizenship, Adult Basic Education, English for College and Career, individual tutoring, and more. We know that literacy, the completion of schooling, and citizenship are essentials for leading a self-sufficient life.

You can support the ministry in three ways: Snail mail your check payable to LUMC, memo: Keystone Opportunity Center in your Blue Envelope or give here, click the dropdown menu to find Keystone Opportunity Center, or text message your gift to 73256 with the message "LansdaleFirstUMC." Thank you for your generous support!



June's Mission Emphasis – UMCOR International

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responds to dozens of unsung disasters every year. UMCOR is there even when the news cameras are not. Whether it is the South Asia tsunami or cholera in Cameroon or Ebola in West Africa, UMCOR is there: sowing seeds of hope and empowering communities

to step forward to a new and better future. When a natural or human-caused disaster strikes outside of the United States, UMCOR serves as the primary channel for United Methodist assistance. This includes supports refugees fleeing disasters with food, water, hygiene and other essential nonfood supplies and temporary shelter. UMCOR cooperates with local bishops, district superintendents, and church leaders to help them develop their own response mechanisms. UMCOR trains disaster response coordinators for each district or region to:

1. Categorize disasters
2. Recognize common phases or stages of disasters
3. Balance needs vs. capacity to respond
4. Create a disaster-response plan
5. Use material resources and volunteers efficiently
6. Network with local and national partners
8. Adhere to Sphere Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response & ICRC Humanitarian Code of Conduct

The coordinators use this information and training to network with other local groups and governments to respond to emergencies in their areas. This increases the capacity of local disaster response units. You can support May's Mission Emphasis in three ways: Snail mail your check payable to LUMC, memo: UMCOR International in your Blue Envelope or give on our website at Lansdaleumc.org/giving, click the dropdown menu to find UMCOR International or text message your gift to 73256 with the message "LansdaleFirstUMC." Thank you for your generous support!



Camp and Retreat Centers Foresee "a Future with Hope" -- *For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.—* Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSV)

What a difference a year can make—especially this year, and especially for the four Eastern PA Conference's Camp & Retreat Ministry (CRM) sites. Click [here](#) to read the rest of John Coleman's article about what our Camps are doing this year.



Montgomery County Hazardous Waste Recycling Events -- Montgomery County-sponsored household hazardous waste collection events have begun. The events are by appointment only and pre-registration is required. COVID-19 CDC guidelines must be followed when attending an event. No televisions, electronics

or appliances are accepted at these chemical collections. Businesses and contractors will be turned away from these residential events. Click [here](#) to go to the Church and Society page of our website for dates, a list of the recyclable items and a list of date. Church and Society



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.



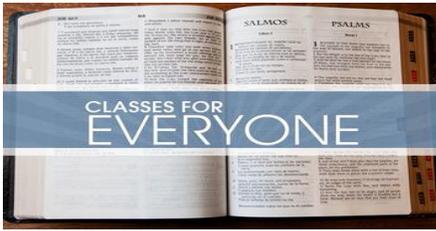
Bolt Virtual Back Yard V.B.S.-Totally 80's!!

We are so excited to announce that BOLT VBS is coming to your house Monday, July 5 - Wednesday, July 7. It's 3 days full of fun and games, bible story videos and crafts. Invite your friends, neighbors or grandparents to join in on the fun. Everything you

need will be supplied. To register, click [here](#).

This is a free event and everyone is welcome!

For more info contact Liz Bonner lumceducation@verizon.net 215-393-7786



New Horizons Fellowship Will Not Meet May 23, May 30, or June 6. When we resume, we'll 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 with Reflections and meditation on the topic "Life After the Pandemic" with occasional tie-in to the Sunday sermon. It will be sent by email to class members and others who wish to be on the distribution list. It will continue until the end of May. 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

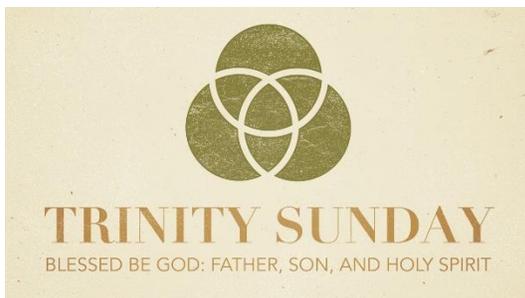
Covid-19 Impact Fund Is Making a Difference

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!

Currently, Montco's case count continues on a steady decline. At current case levels, the county has changed its risk status to the **high-risk** category according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Montgomery County health authorities. While vaccinated people are at minimal risk of contracting the disease, partially vaccinated and unvaccinated people still run a high risk in the county. While hospitalizations are down, deaths from the virus continue. The test positivity rate has declined to **4%**. Vaccinations are proceeding at a slower rate, which is a concern. As of Tuesday, only 42% of Montgomery County is vaccinated. Prayerfully consider your choices about vaccinations, which are proving to be safe and effective. LUMC will remain in its current status of limited openings for limited worship attendance and other approved uses until **May 31st** at the soonest. Let your prayers continue to flow for all concerns.



Vaccines are now available for everybody over age 12!

Click [here](#) to go directly to the PA Health Department's Vaccine Provider Map; type in your zip code, and you'll be taken to a map of local sites. Please consider getting your vaccination soon. We are looking forward to getting back to in-person worship!



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