



June 10, 2021



This Sunday Is Pentecost 3 and Graduate Sunday!

This week, it'll be an exciting Sunday as we move deeper into the period after Pentecost and learn more about Jesus, the man, the mission, and the message. And, we'll have recent graduates to honor both from High School and College! On Pentecost 3, Pastor Bill will help us look at Jesus' teaching ministry, especially his use of parables. Here's PB's sermon theme: There are moments when Christ's Church looks small, acts small, and thinks small. In the grand scheme of life, the Church is relatively small in the world. So much of what the Church accomplishes isn't valued as exciting or impressive. When the world's eyes look at us, our flaws are in full view, and we sometimes appear to conform rather than "live cruciform." No matter how we look or act, though, we are the Body of Christ, and the world will meet Christ through us. The encounter the world has with Christ depends on our ability to view the world and ourselves from new and different perspectives—not human ones—but "set free" ones, for we are new creations in Christ because that is Christ's work, to make us new. 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 Has Returned to Lansdale UMC!

All are welcome to worship with us at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and Online! If you choose in-person, please arrive by 8:30 a.m. to be in place for the LiveStream broadcast. Masks are

optional for the fully vaccinated. However, partially or unvaccinated worshippers are required to wear masks upon arrival through to departing the building. This requirement will be in place **until June 28**, when the Commonwealth of PA is expected to end its mask requirement.



Farewell Sunday Is June 20!

Sunday, June 20th, will be a day of heartfelt farewells. **Becky Conrad** is leaving her administrative assistant position on June 30th. Becky's moving on to pursue an exciting new career opportunity in her life. 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 farewell to Becky on the 20th, and we'll also send **Pastor Bill and Kathy** off to his next appointment at Hellertown: St Paul UMC on that same day.

After a two-year interim ministry here, he'll begin a half-time ministry in a small membership church south of Bethlehem and expand an extension ministry he's been pursuing since 2014. We hope you can be on hand to wish them all well and send them with our blessings.



Congratulations to Our Class of 2021!

Pastor Bill will be recognizing our graduates this Sunday, June 13. Congratulations to Cassie Nickerson, graduate of Moore College of Art & Design; Casey Harper, graduate of Dock Mennonite Academy; and Becca Richardson,

graduate of North Penn High School.



2021 Scholarships

All members of Lansdale UMC who are attending college for the 2021-2022 school year are eligible to apply for the following Scholarships:

Stevenson Scholarship -- to be awarded to any student

Slyh Scholarship – to be awarded to a student who will be pursuing a degree in nursing

Roth Scholarship – to be awarded to a student who will be pursuing a degree in ministry

Ruthrauff Scholarship – to be awarded to a student who will be pursuing a degree in architecture

Click [here](#) to access the Scholarship Application. Applications should be completed and e-mailed to john@lansdaleumc.org by **June 25, 2021**. Please contact john@lansdaleumc.org with any questions.



Zoom Bible Studies Conclude -- After 14 months of near-continuous, twice-a-week Bible Study, the Zoom Bible Study is on hiatus until your new pastor arrives. Pastor Bill thanks all the participants for their consistent attendance and support during a pandemic crisis eased by being a

community of learners. "Study, grow, and serve" are the legacy of biblical studies.

Pastor Bill's prayers are with you all as your studies continue into the future.



News! Church Conference CANCELED!

Our District Superintendent, Dr. Andrew Foster, has approved the cancellation of the called Church Conference that was slated for this Sunday, June 13th. The reason is simple: a new plan of simplified church governance

needs more time to develop as you transition to a new pastor. Therefore, the Church Council will elect interim church leaders at the regular meeting of the Church Council **on Monday, June 14th**, rather than at a Church Conference. Then, as Pastor Stew gets settled among you and learns more about you, the planning for a simplified church structure can begin, if that makes sense under new leadership. Please be in prayer that the Holy Spirit will guide the transition to a new permanent pastor and reveal an exciting new missional emphasis for the church.



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.

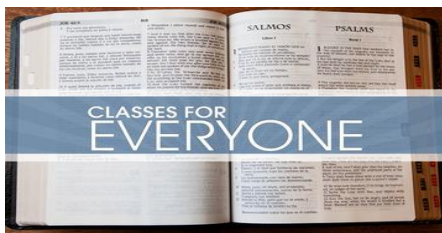
Miss Liz also LiveStreams the weekly Sunday School lesson on our YouTube channel at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Click [here](#) to access our YouTube Channel.



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](#).

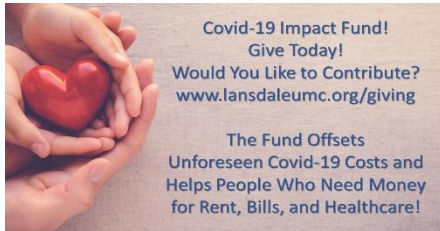
This is a free event and everyone is welcome!

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



New Horizons Fellowship -- Now that worship has resumed in person, New Horizons will not be meeting over Zoom. Stay tuned for more information on when they may resume in-person classes.

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



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!

Montco's unvaccinated population currently runs a **high risk** for Covid-19 infections. However, average cases in the county have fallen to fewer than 25 a day. Vaccinations are running at a good pace. In-person and online worship options at LUMC are now available. Partially and unvaccinated people should still wear a mask.



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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