



June 24, 2021



It's Transition Sunday On June 27!

June 27th is **Transition Sunday** in all annual conferences around the connection. All pastors moving on to new appointments are given this Sunday off to prepare spiritually for their next assignment. Having bid farewell to Pastor Bill last

Sunday, we now look ahead to welcoming our new pastor, Stew Warner, on **Sunday, July 18th**. This Sunday, former **Pastor Max Jaouen** will serve as the transitional preacher at the 9:00 a.m. service. On **Sunday, July 4th**, Rays and Ruth will take the helm of the service, while on **Sunday, July 11th**, a team of people led by our Lay Leader, Paul Bonner, will be leading. We're very grateful that so many people with servant's hearts are pitching in during the transitional season. Please be in prayer for all concerned. 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](#)!



We Welcome Pastor Stew On July 1st!

Bishop Peggy Johnson has appointed the Rev. Stew Warner to serve as LUMC's next pastor effective July 1. Stew will take the pulpit for the first time on **Sunday, July 18th**. During his previously scheduled vacation, please call the

church office to access the help you need.



Pastoral Care During the Pastoral Transition!

During the pastoral transition from **June 20th-30th**, pastoral care will be covered by the **Rev. Tom Davis-Shappel**, a retired elder from our annual conference. If you need pastoral care, call the church office at 215-855-8364 and

leave a message. The messages are monitored daily. Or, send an e-mail to office@lansdaleumc.org. We will make arrangements for you to access the care you need. We will inform Pastor Bill of all needs that arise. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during the transition period. Thank you!



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!



Updated! Lansdale UMC In-Person Worship!

All are welcome to worship with us at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and Online! If you choose the in-person option, 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 at least June 28**, when the Commonwealth of PA is expected to end its mask

requirement. Be cautious, though. The "Delta Variant" of the coronavirus is rapidly spreading in the U.S. Wearing masks, even by the fully vaccinated, is a worthy choice when in groups of people. Be sensible. Remember, we Methodists "do no harm, do all the good we can, and stay connected to God's love."



A Thank You from Kathy and Pastor Bill!

"Dear Friends, Kathy and I so deeply appreciated the warm and generous farewell service last Sunday. The beautiful farewell message read by Verna on behalf of the SPRC and the presentation of a monetary gift and a

huge card signed by so many of you was an uplifting experience for us. Thank you for your love and support over the two-year interim ministry. You and the church will remain in our prayers for years to come. Our hopes are high for you that you will continue your vital ministry long into the future. You have a future, and the future needs you! Never be in doubt about that. We're honored to be a piece of the legacy that is LUMC. God bless you all with health and long life and service."



Thank You! I am so humbled by your well wishes for my healing and as I move on to a new position. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at LUMC getting to know so many of you. You welcomed me and guided me as I learned your traditions. My job was made much easier because of the lay

leadership and volunteers who were willing to point me in the right direction when I needed it. Thank you for the beautiful card, gift and orchid. I appreciate it very much. God Bless You -- Becky



2021 Scholarships - Deadline Tomorrow, June 25!

APPLY FOR 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.



Thank you for your continued support of the American Red Cross and our patient community. Our blood drive on June 9 was very successful.

Blood donations: 25

Power Red donations: 6

Number of Lives saved: 75

As it turned out the drive was on the 3-month anniversary of Peter Noll's death. Mary and a friend both gave blood, and when the crew at the drive heard that they were dedicating it to Peter, they too rolled up their sleeves and donated in Peter's honor. Who can you honor by your blood donation? You'll get a chance soon!

There's another Blood Drive coming to Lansdale UMC! Click [here](#) to register for **July 1**.



Junior Church is Returning!

On **Sunday, July 18**, join us for the return of Junior Church! We welcome all families to join us for worship at 9:00 as we welcome Pastor

Stew Warner and kick off Junior Church for our children. Watch this spot for more information.



Retirement celebration for Bishop Peggy Johnson, July 26, on Zoom

Eastern PA Conference leaders are planning a retirement celebration to bid a fond farewell to Bishop Peggy Johnson, after her 13 years of providing service and leadership here. The virtual farewell fete on Zoom is scheduled for Monday, July 26, at 6:30 to 8 PM, and will include greetings from members of the

conference and the NEJ College of Bishops, among others.

To attend the farewell webinar click on the [Zoom link](#). Webinar ID: 966 9511 7530. Passcode: 891085. Or join by telephone: US: +1 646 558 8656. Also, we are requesting the submission to communications@epaumc.org of photos of our bishop from across the conference

In addition, we have created a Kudoboard where members and friends can post messages of gratitude for Bishop Johnson. Please visit the online board at [Expressions of Gratitude from the Eastern PA Conference](#) to read some messages and add your own. You can add a note of gratitude and/or a picture: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/x2ms73OK>



JOIN US: July 22-30, 2021!

There's Far More Here THAN MEETS THE EYE

So, we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is

making new life, not a day goes by without [God's] unfolding grace. [...] There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever. – 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, The Message (MSG)

**Eastern Pennsylvania Conference United Methodist Women Present 2021
Virtual Mission u**

Do you feel like things are falling apart? The past year has been a great unraveling, when it seemed like our world literally shifted. But in spite of the pandemic and the chaos, *God's grace is still unfolding! As we read in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, there's more here than meets the eye. When it looks like things are falling apart on the outside, on the inside God is making new life!*

Let's pull together again! Join us at Mission u, an annual United Methodist Women education program that offers study on biblically grounded curricula for women, men and youth. The studies are intended to motivate, inform and enrich our commitment to be in ministry for a more just and equitable world, locally and globally. Our study at 2021 Mission u, like many activities in our lives, has also moved online. We will create a virtual space for community, friendships, lessons that change us and our communities, and spiritual practices that arrive just when we need them most.

You are encouraged to read the study books in advance and come ready to discuss and learn from your study leaders and other attendees. Find the books online at missionresources.org, Amazon, or at your local library. Click [here](#) for more information, including the schedule and registration form.



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
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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.

2021 EPA UMC Laity Academy



A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

Conference to offer two Laity Academies in 2021: August 6-7 online; Oct. 1-2 onsite

It's been over a year of shutdowns and lockdowns; learning to live differently in our homes; attending meetings, classes and worship services on Zoom; and ordering many more

consumer goods online. We depended on essential workers to serve and take care of us, while some of us learned how to take better care of each other. "Handle With Care" became not only a cautionary box label but a way of being human together.

In John 13:34, Jesus commanded us to not only care but also love one another. "As I have loved you," he said, "so you must love one another." The pandemic has reminded us that life is precious. How we live our lives is precious. And how we care for one another and Love one another is precious.

Acknowledging that we are not fully back to normal, the annual conference Laity Academy will host two learning events in 2021. The theme is “Handle with Care Love.”

The first academy is August 6-7, Friday evening and all-day Saturday, using Zoom video-conferencing. The second will be on **October 1-2**, when in-person classes will be hosted at several churches across the conference.

There will be one **Basic** course for lay ministry servants; three **Caring** courses (one in Spanish); four **Leadership** courses; and three **Speaking** courses (two in Spanish). These courses will teach about preaching, Bible study, pastoral care, church communications, emotional intelligence and other topics. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register for the August academy.



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.



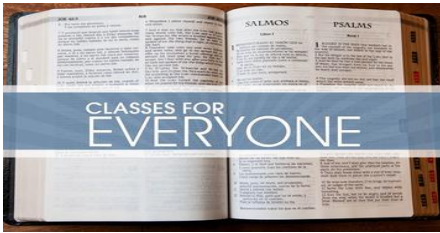
Bolt Virtual Back Yard V.B.S.-Totally 80's!!

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!

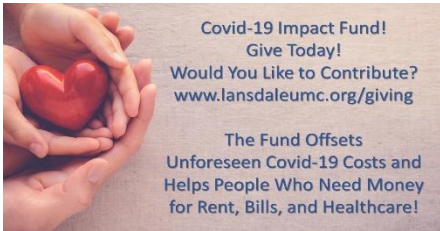
For more info contact Liz Bonner lumceducation@verizon.net 215-393-7786



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 **moderate risk** for Covid-

19 infections. Cases are leveling off after steep declines and death rates are fluctuating. Nearly 600,000 Americans and 1,730 Montco neighbors have succumbed to the disease. Be cautious! The "Delta Variant" is spreading across America. Vaccinations are slowing down as the vaccine hesitant population continues to resist receiving vaccinations. Vaccinations are the best protection against this coronavirus. Please consider getting vaccinated. 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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