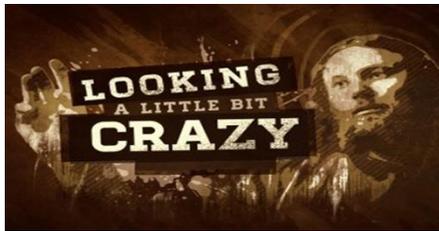




June 3, 2021



This Sunday Is Pentecost 2!

The period following Pentecost Sunday has begun. Commonly called "Ordinary Time," "Proper," or "Kingdomtide," the thrust of the Gospel readings in summer and autumn illuminate the teaching, healing, and culture-

altering ministry of Jesus. This week, we return to the beginning of the Gospel of Mark. Here's Pastor Bill's sermon theme: When Jesus preached his message in Nazareth, people didn't praise him; instead, they derided him as a crazy man. An old Latin phrase is "credo quia absurdum est," which is translated, "I believe because it is absurd." Jesus' words must have sounded absurd to the people of the first century, as they may sound even so today. His whole view of God, his new way of thinking about and seeing God, is odd and troubling to some, perhaps many. Faith isn't suspending reason; instead, it's reasoning like a disciple. To think about God, the heavens and the earth, and ourselves, the way Christ did, is Christian thought and action, even as crazy or absurd as that may sound to others or yourself. 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!

Beginning on Sunday, June 6th, **no** registration is required to attend in-person worship. All are welcome to worship with us at 9:00 a.m. Please arrive by 8:30 a.m. to be in place for the

LiveStream broadcast. Masks are optional for the fully vaccinated. 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.



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.



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.



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.



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.

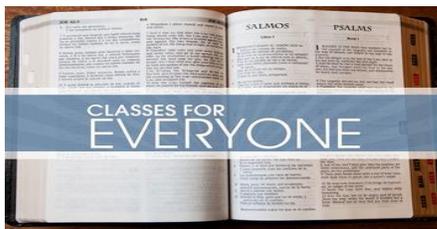
Miss Liz also LiveStreams the weekly Sunday School lesson on our YouTube channel at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Click [here](#) to access our YouTube Channel.



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



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 case count is down significantly. At current case levels, the county's risk status remains at **high-risk** for unvaccinated people, 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 risk in the county. While hospitalizations are down, deaths from the virus continue. The test positivity rate has declined to 3%. Vaccinations are picking up pace again. About 45%

of the county is fully 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 in-person worship attendance, and other approved uses until at least **June 7th**, 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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