



July 1, 2021



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**. Meet Pastor Stew "face to face" by clicking [here](#). During his previously scheduled vacation, from **July 1-July 13**, pastoral care will be covered by the **Rev. Sue Ketterer**, Senior Pastor at Bethel Hill UMC. 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.

As we look ahead to welcoming our new pastor, Stew Warner, on **Sunday, July 18th**, members of our congregation will be leading services until then. This **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](#)!



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!



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Laura Soda hired as new Admin Assistant/Secretary.

Welcome Laura Soda who has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant/Secretary. Laura begins work on Tuesday 7/6/21. More info to come later.



Updated! Lansdale UMC In-Person Worship!

As of Monday, June 28, the Commonwealth of PA has lifted its mask mandate. Masks are optional for all worshipers. Partially or unvaccinated worshipers, however, are encouraged to wear masks. All are welcome to

worship with us at 9:00 a.m.



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 from Becky! 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



July's Mission Emphasis – Laurel House

Laurel House is a comprehensive domestic violence agency serving individuals, families and communities throughout Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The agency's name was selected because of the beauty of the laurel,

Pennsylvania's state flower. It represents a victory for people who have taken the courageous first step of reaching out to Laurel House in their efforts to build a violence-free life for themselves and their children. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Laurel House mission. You can support July's Mission Emphasis in three ways: Snail mail your check payable to LUMC, memo: Laurel House in your Blue Envelope or give on our website at Lansdaleumc.org/giving, click the dropdown menu to find Laurel House or text message your gift to 73256 with the message "LansdaleFirstUMC." Thank you for your generous support!



Red Cross Blood Drive -- TODAY, JULY 1, 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.



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.

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
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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.



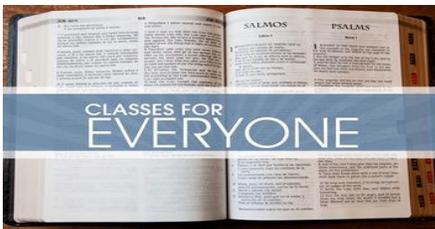
Bolt Virtual Back Yard V.B.S.-Totally 80's!!

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:



MONTCO – CORONAVIRUS STATUS – NEW!

Unvaccinated people in Montco currently run a **low risk** for Covid-19 infections. The number of new cases has decreased recently and is low.

Hospitalizations are also low. Deaths due to Covid-19 have remained relatively the same or about 7 in a two-week period. The county's test positivity rate is at 1%, which is low. The "Delta Variant" is active across America. Vaccinations in Pennsylvania are progressing well. 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.



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