



July 8, 2021



**PASTOR**

### **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](mailto: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 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!



**Laura Soda hired as new Admin Assistant/Secretary.**

Welcome Laura Soda who has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant/Secretary. Laura began this week, and her hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 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 worshippers. Partially or unvaccinated worshippers, however, are encouraged to wear masks. All are welcome to

worship with us at 9:00 a.m.



**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,

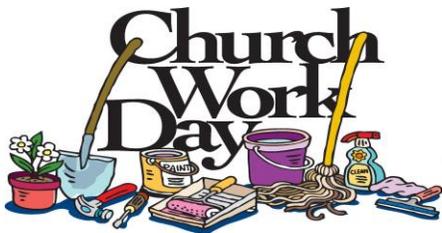
Pennsylvania's state flower. It represents a victory for people who have taken the courageous first step of reaching out to Laurel House in their efforts to build a violence-free life for themselves and their children. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Laurel House mission. You can support July's 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](https://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!



### **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.



### **The Trustees are Having a Work Day on Saturday, July 24th!**

We have quite a few projects at the church that we are hoping to complete, so we would appreciate some extra hands to assist in cleaning up primarily outside the Church. We will be starting at 9 am with the hope of finishing in the early afternoon.



### **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](mailto: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](https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/x2ms73OK) 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](http://missionresources.org), Amazon, or at your local library. Click [here](#) for more information, including the schedule and registration form.



### 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.



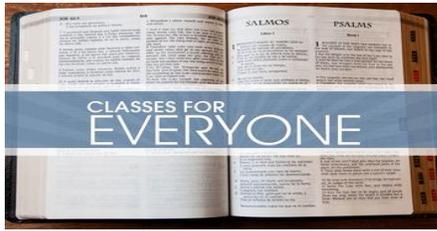
### **Bolt Virtual Back Yard V.B.S.-Totally 80's!!**

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](mailto: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 be back again in September, meeting in-person if guidelines allow. We hope and pray for our Sunday School program to return with renewed vigor in the fall. Look for more information in the e-CR in the near future. Contact Verna Colliver ([vmcolliver@gmail.com](mailto:vmcolliver@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.



### **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:**



Join Miss Liz Bonner!  
Every Sunday Morning @ 10 am  
LiveStream Sunday School Lesson  
On Our YouTube Channel!  
Click YouTube logo



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***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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