# Order of Worship 9:00 a.m. LiveStream and In-Person Worship Service

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude Day by Day (Shackley)

**Greeting and Welcome** 

\*Call to Worship Liz Bonner

L: We gather here to worship God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

- P: We gather surrounded by God's Holy Spirit, who encourages us to walk faithfully with Christ.
- L: Praise be to God, whose goodness and mercy fill our days.
- P: Praise be to God, whose ways lead to peace and justice.

\*Song

Bless the Lord O My Soul/All Creatures of Our God and King CH 71/CH63

(Prayer cards located in pews can be filled out and handed to ushers.)

**Opening Prayer** 

God of abundant life, you want the best for your people around the globe. You bring healing, wholeness, and new life to all your children. On this day, may our eyes be open to the presence of Christ in one another. May our ears be open to the needs of our community. May our hands be open to serve the forgotten. And may our hearts be open to receive your Holy Spirit along this journey of faith. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Proveros 22.1-2, 6-9, 22-23

Liz Bonner

Psalm 125

**Call to Giving and Prayers** 

Your giving to LUMC makes ministry possible in our community and around the world! Thank you! You can give online at <a href="www.lansdaleumc.org">www.lansdaleumc.org</a>.

\*Song Like a River Glorious (CH 737)

Scripture Reading Mark 7:24-37

Sermon Walking with Jesus: Who's First? Pastor Warner

\*Song Amazing Love

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** 

\*Song Take My Life and Let It Be (UMH 399)

Sending and Blessing

**Postlude** And Can It Be?

Scifres, Mary; Beu, B. J.. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021 (p. 202). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal; FWS - Faith We Sing; W&S - Worship & Song

# **WEEKLY UPDATES AND CHURCH NEWS**

#### **LUMC Covid-19 response update**

The Montgomery County Commissioners in consultation with the Office of Public Health (OPH) announced that starting Monday, August 16, 2021, masking is now recommended indoors for the general public. This is in response to the substantial level of COVID-19 community transmission according to the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Montgomery County is also requiring masks for all staff and visitors to all county buildings and facilities. The County is following CDC guidelines to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent the spread of the

virus. https://www.montcopa.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=3609

Lansdale UMC Church Council voted at the last meeting (8/9/2021) to follow the Covid-19 guidelines set by Montgomery County. So masks are now required for all persons for any indoor event or activity beginning 8/16/2021. People leading Sunday morning worship are permitted to remove masks when speaking or singing in the front of the church. Masks should be worn when not speaking or singing.

Thank you, everyone, for helping us limit the spread of Covid-19 as we seek to love God by loving our neighbors through the wearing of masks.

# **Cottage Meetings with our new pastor**

People are needed to host Cottage meetings of 4-8 people. Please contact the church office (office@lansdaleumc.org) if you can be a host. Get to know Pastor Steward (Stew) at upcoming Cottage Meetings this Fall! More information will follow soon!



#### Get ready for 30 days of prayer this Sept.!

Every day in September, we will pray intentionally in the morning, afternoon, and evening for the following:

- Pastor Steward Warner and his ministry
- Our church, our country, and our world
- Our Lansdale neighbors
- · Lansdale Borough, its leaders, and its workers
- The needs of our Lansdale community
- Our county, state, national, and world leaders

Sign-ups can be done at church or on the church website! <u>Click here for the link</u>. More than 1 person is welcome to sign up to pray each day in September.

Real Men Pray... So far most of the people who have signed-up to pray are women. Remember Jesus and first Disciples were men who prayed. Let's get some more men signed-up to pray.



#### Custodian search

Staff Parish Relations and the Trustees are working together to conduct a search for a new custodian. We will be advertising inhouse, locally, online, and through the EPA Conference. Please contact the church office if you or someone you know is interested in

this 15 hour per week custodian position.

#### **Administrative Assistant Search**

Laura Soda, Administrative Assistant, has resigned and taken another job. Her last day of work was Friday, August 20. We give thanks to Laura and to God for her help during the summer transition to a new pastor. Please keep Laura in your prayers.

This means we are searching for a new Administrative Assistant. Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is meeting this week to look at next steps. We are also looking for help with office tasks in the short-term while we search for a new person. Please contact/email Pastor Warner (<a href="mailto:stewwarner@outlook.com">stewwarner@outlook.com</a>) if you are able to provide help. Also pray for God to lead us to the right person for this important position in the life of LUMC.



#### Bishop Johnson and the Congo Partnership

During her time as our episcopal leader, Bishop Johnson supported the mission to the people of the Congo and made more than one trip to witness the ongoing work among the people there. In honor of her retirement, churches have been invited to make a donation to continue this work.

Learn more as Bishop Johnson shares how she saw the work of God happening among the faithful people of the Congo. <a href="https://www.epaumc.org/news/grateful-for-the-congo-partnership/">https://www.epaumc.org/news/grateful-for-the-congo-partnership/</a>
You may contribute to this work through Realm, text "LansdaleFirstUMC" to 73256, or by check with "Congo Partnership" on the memo line. Please make your contribution by the end of September.



#### **Crafters Wanted!**

A Craft Fair will be held in Stringer Auditorium on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are a crafter and interested in participating, please contact Doris Shaedle, 215-692-0667 or Nancy Silknitter, 215-368-4025. Cost of a table is \$15. Registration forms are located on the bulletin board.

# Children's Sunday School returning in the Fall

The Lansdale UMC Children's Ministry will return on Sundays at 10 am starting on Sept. 19th. Until then, children are welcome to join Miss Liz at Junior Church during Sunday service. (For children up to 4<sup>th</sup> grade.)



Miss Liz needs an adult helper(s) on Sundays to sit in with her so we can practice our Safe Sanctuary Guidelines which require two adults whenever working with kids. Contact Liz or Pastor Warner if you can help.

# **Choir Fall Startup**

Chancel choir is coming back. Our first practice session will be held on Thursday 9th Sept 2021 at 7pm at the Sanctuary. Anyone who likes to sing in the Chancel Choir is welcome on that day. A flair and heart to sing for the Lord are the requirements to join.



#### Ways to give

- 1. Mail slot on 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- 2. Mail to church address
- 3. www.lansdaleumc.org/giving on Realm
- 4. Text LansdaleFirstUMC to 73256



# Be sure to pick up your name tag during Sunday servce!

As Pastor Stew gets to know you, name tags will be used during Sunday service from now thru October. There are pre-made ones on the table in the sanctuary. Please be sure to return them to the table after the service.

This Week's Schedule			
YouTube Channel: Lansdale UMC			
Facebook Page: facebook.com/Lansdale-United-Methodist-Church			
Sun 9/5	9:00 am	Worship Service with Communion (online and sanctuary)	
Mon		Office Closed	
9/6	12:00 pm	AA Meeting (Hecker Rm)	
Tues 9/7		Office Open 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	
Wed 9/8		Office Open 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	
Thurs		Office Open 10:00 – 12:00 pm	
9/9	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting (Hecker Rm)	
Fri		Office Closed	
9/10		Pastor's Day Off	
Sun 9/11	9:00 am	Worship Service (online and sanctuary)	

### September lay readers:

Sept. 5 – Liz Bonner

Sept. 12 - Bill Cole

Sept. 19 - Michele Dasch

Sept. 26 - Alex Holnick

#### This week's ushers:

Ed Ingram Richard Hardisty

#### Prayer requests from 8/29:

- Happy 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to Lois Sibbach. from Doris Shaedle
- Brother, Rich, facing another cancer surgery Cathy Kennedy
- Healing for Skip skin cancer surgeries and vestibular disfunction – Shirley Bradley
- Hartmann Family Barb and Ed Hartmann

Darren Johnson - Treasurer

Bob Kennedy – Trustee President

Michelle Johnson – Staff Parish Relations Chair

#### Lansdale United Methodist Church

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Servants				
Ministers – People of God				
Bishop John Schol				
District Superintendent – Rev. Dr. Andrew Foster				
Lead Pastor – Rev. Steward Warner				
stewwarner@outlook.com - 215-990-4581 (cell)				
Leadership	Staff			
Paul Bonner – Lay Leader	Administrative Assistant			
Kris Neild – Church Council Chair	Liz Bonner – Director of Christian Education			

Liz Bonner – Director of Christian Education Rays Koshy - Music Director Ruth Rineer - Organist

# **Lansdale United Methodist Church**

September 5, 2021 9 AM



# Message Walking With Jesus: Who's First?

# **Our Mission**

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Join us for online worship! Livestreamed on Sundays at 9am

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Listen Anytime on our Website at www.lansdaleumc.org!

# **LUMC Covid-19 Mitigation Policy for Indoor Worship & Meetings**

We are following Montgomery County guidelines. Masks are required for all persons indoors, vaccinated or not. Online worship is available for persons who are not vaccinated and unable to wear. Love God - Love Your Neighbor - Help stop the spread of Covid-19.