Order of Worship

9:00 a.m. Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude In the Bleak Midwinter McDonald

Greeting and Welcome

* Call to Worship Liz Bonner

- L: Let all who love God rejoice.
- P: Let all who thirst for justice draw water from the well of God's salvation.
- L: Let all who long for Christ sing for joy.
- P: Let all who hunger for righteousness return home to the living God.
- L: Let all who seek the Spirit shout aloud.
- P: Let all who yearn for mercy fall on their knees before the throne of grace

Lighting of the Advent Candle Kathy Herbert & Nancy Sweigert

- L: In this season of Advent, we celebrate with joyful hearts.
- Christ is our light and the source of our joy.
- L: We count our blessings, and give thanks for God's goodness
- Christ is our light and the source of our joy
- We strive to search for the good in neighbors near and far.
- Christ is our light and the source of our joy
- We remember that God has promised us full and joyful lives.
- P: Christ is our light and the source of our joy

Lighting of the third candle (pink candle)

ALL: This morning we light three candles – the candles of hope, peace, and today, joy. This candle reminds us that we have reason to be joyful, even in the midst of strife. We remember that the angel proclaimed Christ's birth as "Good news of great joy, to all people." We celebrate today with joyful hearts and commit ourselves to spreading that joy to the world around us.

Joel Ranev **Musical Response** Love's Pure Light

O Come O Come Emmanuel *Song Don Besig

(Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn)

Opening Prayer

God of our salvation, you bring victory to the righteous and comfort to the outcast. As we come before you this day, lighten our hearts with laughter and loosen our tongues to sing your praise. For you alone are the source of our hope; you alone are the fountain of our joy. Be with us now and always. Amen.

Scripture Reading Micah 5:2-5a Liz Bonner

Come To Us Now Emmanuel CH 245 **Choral Anthem**

Jr. Church Liz Bonner Joys, Concerns and Prayers

Call to Giving

(Your giving to LUMC makes ministry possible in our community and around the world! Thank you! You can give online at: https://lansdaleumc.org/giving/)

Offering Prayer

*Song Wait for the Lord

Pastor Warner **Old Testament Reading** Hebrews 10:5-10

What does God want? Sermon

*Song Come Thou Long Expected Jesus CH 244

Sending and Blessing

Postlude Es ist ein Ros entsprungen Hayes

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WEEKLY UPDATES AND CHURCH NEWS



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Do you have a family dinner to go to? Do you prefer to drive when the sun is still out? Then you may want to attend the 4 PM worship service. We'll sing lots of Christmas Carols as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We'll have a special Children's presentation and Children's sermon. The choir will be at the 7 PM worship service. They will lead us in our celebration Christmas Eve of Jesus' birth. Both services will conclude with a CANDLELIGHT candlelight service and singing of Silent Night and Joy to the World.

Invite a friend to join you for worship on Christmas Eve so they can come and hear the wonderful message of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

Giving Tree Update



The Missions Committee would like to thank the congregation for your response & donations to the Giving Tree Agencies The following are the Agencies and gifts, cards, & cash received:

- Methodist Services: received 80 gifts, \$235 in gifts cards, & \$265 cash donations.
- Glad Tidings Christmas Shop: received 45 gifts & \$240 cash
- Laurel House: received \$445 in gift cards & \$370 cash donations
- Grand Total: 123 gifts, \$680 in gift cards, & \$875 in cash donations

Thank you

For your time, talents, willing hearts and patience. All of your volunteer work is greatly appreciated. We at LUMC are so thankful for your hard work.

Gift Idea



Looking for an easy gift idea that never expires and is loved by everyone? Wawa coupons are your answer. Lansdale's own United Methodist Women are selling Wawa coupons good for one shorti. They are a great bargain and still just \$5.00 a piece! A dollar from each sale goes to our mission budget, which supports both local and global missions.

Contact Maryellen Reinmiller at 215-913-1666 to place your order.

Wavs to give

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



New Member/Inquirer Class

Are you considering making LUMC your home church? Would you like to know more about what we believe as United Methodists? Want to learn about ministry here at LUMC? Then you may want to participate in the next New Member/Inquirer class. Pastor Warner will be teaching the class. Contact Pastor Warner (stewwarner@outlook.com) if you would like to come to the class.



Chancel Choir Join Us!

Choir is preparing for Christmas Eve. Looking for additional people to sing on Christmas Eve. Practice sessions are on Thursdays at 6:45 pm in the Sanctuary. Anyone who likes to sing in the Chancel Choir is welcome. A flair and heart to sing for the Lord are the requirements to join.



Custodian Search Update

Maybe you have heard the news of numbers of employers who are having difficulty-finding people to work. Turns out LUMC is in this category as we continue to search for a church custodian. Let us give a shout out and thanks to the members of the Trustees and other volunteers who have unlocked doors, cleaned rooms, done repairs, met with

contractors, vacuumed carpets and so much more in the interim. We would be lost were it not for the dedication and contributions of time from these great volunteers.

SPR and Trustees are revisiting the custodian job description and salary as they look for ways to better attract a new person. Please continue to keep this custodian search in your prayers.



December Mission St. John United Methodist Church, Bridgeton NJ

The community around Bridgeton has been served by a Methodist church for more than 170 years. Today, St. John United Methodist Church continues to serve the community, many of them Native Americans. St. John UMC holds a Native American worship service the fifth Sunday of the month, organizes Vacation Bible

School with a Native American centered curriculum and provides much needed food and other necessities to the community. The congregation is now searching for a Native American pastor to fill the position left vacant by the death of Rev. Roy Bundy who served the church for a number of years.



Community Block Party Team

LUMC will be offering a community block party in our parking lot in summer 2022. Date is yet to be set. Pastor Warner is looking for people to help with this planning team as we seek to build bridges and connections with people in our community. The block party will also be a time for us to make connections with local agencies and municipalities.

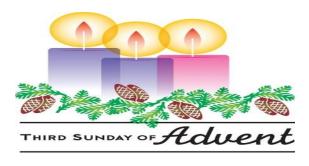
We'll have activities for children and youth and hope to have lots of food as well. Email Pastor Warner (stewwarner@outlook.com) if you would like to serve on this team as we seek to be in mission to our surrounding community.

Prayer requests from 12/5

- Prayers for Helen Foelker as she transitions to Assisted Living in January – Bob and Cathy
- Prayer for Terri and her stage 4 Lung Cancer. Daughter, Tessa in college and very stressed. – Maryellen & Mark Reinmiller



- Prayer for family of Judy (Mark's cousin) who recently passed away.
 Maryellen and Mark Reinmiller
- Praise for toy distribution yesterday at Haws Ave UMC. 36 families and approximately 126 children at Glad Tidings Christmas Shop. Barb & Ed Hartmann
- Pray for Brother Walt. Last night suffered a pulmonary embolism & has pneumonia In Abington Hospital. – Barb Hartman
- Sympathy to the families of Joy Reppeet & Barbara Benton.
- Please pray for Linda (Robin's boyfriend, Casey's Mother) she is declining rapidly from Dementia. Please keep the Berger family in your prayers.
- Barb Siegfried 70 Today! Happy Birthday Donna L. Fritz
- JOY! Another fantastic year together! Happy anniversary to you Luann and Ed



This Week's Schedule		
YouTube Channel: <u>Lansdale UMC</u> Facebook Page: <u>facebook.com/Lansdale-United-Methodist-Church</u>		
Sun		Advent 3
12/12	9:00 am	Worship Service (online and sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Adult and Children's Sunday School
Mon		Office Closed
12/13	12:00 pm	AA Meeting (Hecker Rm)
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tues		Office Open 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
12/14	11:00 am	Staff Meeting – Pastor and Admin. Asst.
	6:00 pm	Brownies Troop #7169
Wed		Office Open 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
12/15	7:00 pm	SPR
Thurs		Office Open 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
12/16	6:45 pm	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting (Hecker Rm)
Fri		Office Open 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
12/17		Pastor Day Off
Sun		Advent 4
12/19	9:00 am	Worship Service Sunday (online and sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Children & Adult Sunday School

December Lay Readers

Dec 5 - Michelle Johnson

Dec 12 - Liz Bonner

Dec 24 4 pm - Michele Dasch

Dec 24 7 pm - Alex Holnick

Dec 26 - Luann Ingram



This week's ushers

Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper

Weekly Bulletin Announcements

If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin, please e-mail it to the church office office@lansdaleumc.org no later than Wednesday morning each week. Thank you.

January Circuit Rider Newsletter

Please send your announcements to the church office office@lansdaleumc.org by the 15th of each month

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December 12, 2021 9 AM

Advent 3



Message

What does God Want?
Hebrews 10:5-10

Our Mission

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YouTube: Lansdale UMC

Facebook: Facebook.com/Lansdale-United-Methodist-Church

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 who are unable to wear a mask.

Love God - Love Your Neighbor - Help stop the spread of Covid-19.