Order of Worship

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

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude Dona Nobis Pacem Quartet

Greeting and Welcome

* Call to Worship Bill Cole

- L: When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, their lives were forever changed.
- P: Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and Mary proclaimed faith in God, her savior.
- L: The children they carried in their wombs heralded expectation and hope for the world.
- We are heirs of this expectation and hope. We are heirs of this promise of God.
- L: Come! Let us worship.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Dave & Millie Merrick

- L: During Advent, we see God's love for us embodied in our Savior's birth.
- P: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.
- L: Advent calls us to love others with patience and kindness.
- P: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.
- L: Advent calls us to be slow to anger and quick to forgive.
- P: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.
- L: Advent reminds us that Christ commanded us to love as he loved.
- P: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

Lighting of the fourth candle (purple)

ALL:

This morning we light four candles: the candles of hope, peace, joy, and today's candle - love. This candle reminds us that God so loved the world that he sent his only son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have life everlasting. Today we celebrate God's gift of love and remember that we have been commanded to love others as God loves us.

Musical Response Love's Pure Light Joel Raney

The King of Glory Comes **TFWS 2019** Song

(Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn)

Opening Prayer

God of joyous expectation, come to us this day. May the miracles in our lives fill us with wonder. May an encounter with your goodness and grace cause our hearts to leap within us. Receive us into the arms of your mercy, that we may feel you near us and rest secure in your many blessings. Amen.

Scripture Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20 Bill Cole

Isaiah 12:2-6

One Small Child **Choral Anthem** Meece

Children's Sunday School Song

Come on and Ring those Bells

Evie

Children's Sermon Liz Bonner

(for children up to 4th grade) Jr. Church

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

Wait for the Lord *Song Taize

Epistle Reading Philippians 4:4-7 **Pastor Warner**

Sermon Finding Peace

CH 240 *Song Of the Father's Love Begotten

Sending and Blessing

Postlude Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent Haves

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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 donations
- Laurel House: received \$445 in gift cards & \$370 cash donations
- Grand Total: 123 gifts, \$680 in gift cards, & \$875 in cash donations

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.

Ways to give

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



Envelopes for 2022 are available

outside Stringer Auditorium for those who are not giving online or through their bank website. If you are considering giving online but have guestions, please contact Warren Shaedle at 215-692-0668 for additional information.



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 12/12

- Sharon her 90 yr. old mom fell and broke her hip – prayers for healing, finding a permanent nursing care facility for her Maggie-Wisdom – Michelle Johnson
- Tornado victims in the Midwest.
- PRAISE! Thank you God our neighbor Barb has come home from the hospital after many months. – Maryellen Reinmiller
- Prayer request for 2 of Mark Reinmiller's cousins whose family members recently passed away. – Maryellen Reinmiller
- A friend of mine just diagnosed with kidney cancer. Not sure yet the stage or treatment plan yet. – Mary Noll
- Friend Janet lost her brother & brother-in-law within a month.
 Prayers for healing. Bill Cole



Christmas Eve Advent Wreath Help

Pastor Warner is looking for two families to do the lighting of the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve at the 4 PM and 7 PM services. It's difficult to know who is attending which service so volunteers would be appreciated. Please email stewwarner@outlook.com if you are able to help. Thank you ahead of time for volunteering.

This Week's Schedule YouTube Channel: Lansdale UMC Facebook Page: facebook.com/Lansdale-United-Methodist-Church		
Sun	0:00	Advent 4
12/19	9:00 am 10:00 am	Worship Service (online and sanctuary) Adult and Children's Sunday School
Mon	10.00 am	Office Open 8:30 – 3:00
12/20	12:00 pm	AA Meeting (Hecker Rm)
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tues		Office Open 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
12/21	11:00 am	Staff Meeting – Pastor and Admin. Asst.
Wed		Office Open 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
12/22		
Thurs		Office Open 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
12/23	6:45 pm	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting (Hecker Rm)
Fri		Office Closed
12/24	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship
Sat		MERRY CHRISTMAS
12/25		
Sun	9:00 am	Worship Service (online and sanctuary)
12/26	10:00 am	Adult and Children's Sunday School

December Lay Readers

Dec 5 - Michelle Johnson

Dec 12 - Liz Bonner

Dec 19 - Bill Cole

Dec 24 4 pm - Michele Dasch

Dec 24 7 pm - Alex Holnick

Dec 26 - Luann Ingram



This week's ushers

Geri Hare, Jana Cole, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Maryellen Reinmiller, Luann Ingram

Weekly Bulletin Announcements

If you have an article or announcement for the weekly bulletin, please email it to the church office <u>office@lansdaleumc.org</u> no later than Wednesday morning each week. Thank you.

January Circuit Rider Newsletter

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

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December 19, 2021 9 AM

Advent 4



for all he has done. Philippians 4:6 NLT

Message

Finding Peace Philippians 4:4-7

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