Order of Worship

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

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude Sing We Now of Christmas Pethel

Call to Worship

L: Arise, shine! Your light has come!

P: Glory to God in the highest.

L: Darkness covers the earth,

P: but God's glory shines brightly.

L: Lift up your eyes. Look around.

P: The light of God's love shines radiantly.

L: Arise, shine! Your light has come!

P: Our hearts thrill and rejoice!

*Song

Angels, from the Realms of Glory Worthy, You are Worthy

CH 259 CH 260

(Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn)

Opening Prayer

God of light and love, shine upon our lives, as we welcome the mystery of your love. Guide us toward your true gift, for our hearts long to encounter with the holy. Quiet our expectations, that we might be surprised by the unexpected. Open our eyes, that we might find you in unanticipated places. Shine your light upon us, that we might see you clearly, and recognize your face in all people. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Children's Sermon

Liz Bonner

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/)

Offertory

*Doxology

*Song Angels We Have Heard On High

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12

Sermon

Celebrating and welcoming a new Generation

John Wesley Covenant

Pastor Warner

In the old covenant, God chose Israel to be a special people and to obey the law. Our Lord Jesus Christ, by his death and resurrection, has made a new covenant with all who trust in him. We stand within this covenant and we bear his name. On the one side, God promises in this covenant to give us new life in Christ. On the other side, we are pledged to live not for ourselves but for God. Today, therefore, we meet to renew the covenant, which binds us to God.

Friends, let us claim the covenant God has made with his people, and accept the voke of Christ. To accept the voke of Christ means that we

allow Christ to guide all that we do and are, and that Christ has many services to be done; some are easy, others are difficult; some make others applaud us, others bring only reproach; some we desire to do because of our own interests; others seem unnatural. Sometimes we please Christ and meet our own needs, at other times we cannot please Christ unless we deny ourselves. Yet Christ strengthens us and gives us the power to do all these things. Therefore, let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us give ourselves completely to God, trusting in His promises and relying on His grace.

ALL:

I give myself completely to You, God. Assign me to my place in your creation. Let me suffer for You. Give me the work You would have me do. Give me many tasks or have me step aside while You call others. Put me forward or humble me. Give me riches or let me live in poverty. I freely give all that I am and all that I have to You. And now, holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am Yours. So be it. May this covenant made on earth continue.

*Communion Hymn

Love Has Come

W&S 3066

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Song

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Sending and Blessing

Postlude

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

Quartet

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, CH – Celebration Hymnal

WEEKLY UPDATES AND CHURCH NEWS



New Member/Inquirer Class

The next New Member/Inquirer class will be held on Sunday, January 23 from 10:30 am -1:30 pm. This class is for people who are 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? We already have several people who have indicated they would like to become members here at LUMC. Please contact Pastor Warner (stewwarner@outlook.com) if you would like to be part of this.



Taking Down the Greens

We will be taking down the greens in church on Sunday January 9, at 2pm. Many hands make light work. All Christmas decor will need to be taken down and properly stored. Your help is much appreciated! Thank you in advance. Contact Maryellen Reinnmiller with questions or to sign up to help. A sign up sheet will also be on the church bulletin board.



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.

Offering Envelopes for 2022

2022 envelopes 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 questions, please contact Warren Shaedle at 215-692-0668 for additional information.



Custodian Search Update



We've been searching for a new custodian since September. That's four months of searching. We actually started looking in August when we learned our custodian was resigning after 15 years of faithful service. We have setup interviews with two persons. Neither one worked out. We have meet with at least 3-4 persons who indicated some interest in the job. None of these resulted in applications or interviews. We are searching for a new custodian in an unpredictable and uncertain job market where lots of people are leaving jobs.

Trustees and SPR are continuing to work together to review and revise the job description. We covet any suggestions or recommendation you may have. Please continue to pray for God to lead us during this search.

Ways to give

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



Cottage Meetings to resume Winter 2022



Cottage Meetings this Fall saw 33 people who attended during October and the first week of November. People from college students to seniors in their 90's. We took a a break during the Thanksgiving/Christmas season. New Cottage Meetings will begin in February. We're looking for hosts for the new meetings. Hosts open their home for meeting attendees and provide light refreshments. Hosts Meeting are also encouraged to invite others to attend the meeting

at their home. And people are invited to call the Host to let them know they will be attending. Thank you to everyone who hosted the first five meetings. And thank you ahead of time to those of you who will be hosting meetings this Winter. Contact the church office or Geri Hare if you are able to host a meeting.

UMW Mission Updates



by Marilyn Snyder

LUMC has always had a very active United Methodist Women's Unit. The past year and a half has been very challenging for all churches and their activities and

groups. We are no exception. But many of us women have tried to stay in contact with one another. The Soul Sister's Circle has recently been meeting via Zoom. We did get together in early December at Barb Siegfried's house for a Christmas celebration with a very nice devotion prepared by Ellen Patterson, a fun white elephant gift exchange activity, and, of course, refreshments! Our LUMW Unit will be using our money at the end of the year to support local and global missions. We appreciate the support of the congregation when you attend the Craft Fair, purchase WAWA coupons and turn in your Redner's receipts - thank you! By the way, here is a report on checks we've received from Redner's to help us with our Mission Giving:

2017 - \$181.88

2018 - \$121.25

2019 - \$143.93

2020 - \$50.15

2021 - \$156.08

Thank you all and keep us in mind when shopping- use your Redner's card and turn in full receipts!

Pastor Warner looking for Introductions



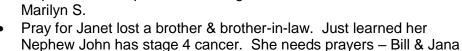
Pastor Warner has been active and involved in local communities his entire ministry. He is looking for people to help personally introduce him to services, leaders, and groups in the community. People in the past have even given him a tour of the community. Please contact Pastor Warner if you are able to connect him with community groups and leaders.

Prayer requests from 12/26

- Stephanie recently diagnosed with breast cancer- Michelle Johnson
- Fred ongoing health issues. Michelle Johnson

rehabbing after a stroke. - Luann

 Newborn baby boy Rhitt, born with cleft lip on palate, for his parents and surgeries. – Marilyn S.



- Nephew John has stage 4 cancer. She needs prayers Bill & Jana
 Having back procedure on Wednesday. Prayers for successful pain
- relief. Betty Starrett
 Please pray for recovery for my brother-in-law Chuck who is
- Health issues Dominic & Gemma our neighbors 12/21

This Week's Schedule YouTube Channel: Lansdale UMC		
Facebook Page: facebook.com/Lansdale-United-Methodist-Church		
Sun 1/2		John Wesley Covenant Communion
	9:00 am	Worship Service (online and sanctuary)
Mon 1/3		Office Closed
	12:00 pm	AA Meeting (Hecker Rm)
Tue 1/4		Office Open 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting – Pastor and Admin. Asst.
	6:30 pm	Brownies
Wed 1/5		Office Open 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
	1:30 pm	Congregational Care Team
Thu 1/6		Office Open 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
	6:45 pm	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting (Hecker Rm)
Fri 1/7		Office Open 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Sun 1/9	9:00 am	Worship Service (online and sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Adult and Children's Sunday School

January Lay Readers

Jan 2 -

Jan 9 - Paul Bonner

Jan 16 - Michele Dasch

Jan 23 - Alex Holnick

Jan 30 - Bill Cole



This week's Ushers

Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Gary Silknitter

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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Paul Bonner – Lay Leader
Kris Neild – Church Council Chair
Darren Johnson – Treasurer
Bob Kennedy – Trustee President
Michelle Johnson – Staff Parish Relations Chair

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Robin Cirillo - Administrative Assistant Liz Bonner – Director of Christian Education Rays Koshy – Music Director Ruth Rineer – Organist Custodian

Lansdale United Methodist Church

January 2, 2022 9 AM



Message

Celebrating and Welcoming a New Generation Ephesians 3:1-12

Our Mission

Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All

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

YouTube: <u>Lansdale UMC</u>
Facebook: <u>Facebook.com/Lansdale-United-Methodist-Church</u>

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.