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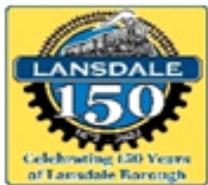


Cottage Meetings to Resume Spring 2022

Pastor Warner will resume Cottage meeting in May/June now that we are able to once again gather in people's homes. Cottage meetings are a time for you to meet with Pastor Warner in a small group setting. Pastor Warner held six Cottage meetings last Fall. We took a break while masks were once again required. We need people to host a meeting. Please contact Pastor Warner stewwarner@outlook.com if you can host a gathering. Hosts provide your home and light snacks for four to no more than 10 people.



Lansdale Borough and LUMC 150 Year Celebration!!!



Please circle May 22, 2022 on your calendar for a very special presentation by the **Lansdale Historical Society** being held at our church, on the history of Lansdale UMC and how it coincides with the history of Lansdale itself. We will have a special Heritage Sunday worship service at 9:00 am followed by a catered breakfast luncheon at 10:15 am. We will then be treated to a presentation that has been personalized for LUMC by Pat Rieker of the Lansdale Historical Society. Be sure to tell everyone that we have been in ministry in Lansdale for 150 years and our story is still unfolding

LUMC - Heritage Sunday 2022

As we at Lansdale's First United Methodist Church celebrate our 150 years in Lansdale, we also celebrate the history of our Methodist denomination on Heritage Sunday, May 22, 2022. Here is what that means for us as a United Methodist Church.

Heritage Sunday shall be observed on Aldersgate Day (May 24), or the Sunday preceding that date (this year it is May 22). The day provides an opportunity for reflection on heritage, celebration of where the Church

has been, how it understands itself as it shapes us today, and the meaning of Christian conferencing. Heritage Sunday calls the Church to remember the past by committing itself to the continuing call of God. from 264.1, The Book of Discipline

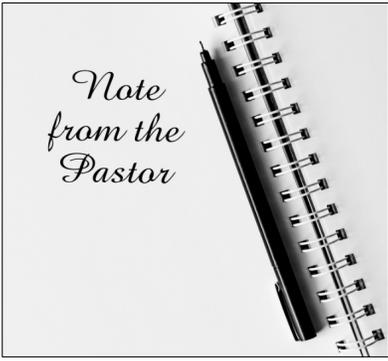
The theme for Heritage Sunday 2022 is **"Splits, Separations, and Reconciliations."** From now through the remainder of the year, GCAH will be producing and releasing a number of resources to help the denomination to understand better the multifaceted and multi-faced history of the Methodist movement in a global context. From the original split from the Church of England in 1784 to smaller splits over the last 250 years, we'll examine how and why various schisms happened. We'll also look at different mergers and attempts at reconciliation to learn how Methodists come (back) together. And we'll do all of this with Wesley's words as a guide:

"If there be any word in the English tongue as ambiguous and indeterminate in its meaning as the word Church, it is one that is nearly allied to it -- the word Schism." –

John Wesley, 'On Schism'

Resources you can look forward to are:

1. *An interactive timeline of the history of Methodism in America*
2. *An online course entitled "Splits, Separations, and Reconciliations"*
3. *Episodes from our Un-Tied Methodism podcast*
4. *Interviews with key Methodist scholars and leaders and*
5. *Digital images from the repository at GCAH. General Commission on Archives and History (gcah.org)*



Note from the Pastor

Something interesting stands out to me when I watch the news and see crowds of people being filmed at various events. People are holding their cell phones to capture a video or a picture of the event. Rarely do you see a DSLR or point and shot camera unless there are reporters or professionals present. Sales of point and shoot cameras have declined dramatically since the cell phone came out. Remember the days when people carried family pictures in their wallets or purses? Today those pictures are on our cell phones. People will pull out their cell phone to show the most recent picture of a vacation, family member, or event. Smart phones have become a regular part of life. People still take pictures. They may even take more pictures than in the past. We

just use cell phone cameras instead of the technology of the past.

The first iPhone came out in June 2007. It's amazing how something that didn't exist 25 years ago has transformed how we live our lives today. Cell phones and computers were a real gift when Covid first closed things down. People who could care less about technology learned to use Zoom and similar other programs. We were worshipping through our phones, tablets and computers. It wasn't the same. We weren't able to be physically connected. But it provided some kind of connection when we longed to be connected.

Connection, we all need to be connected. Jesus knew this as he walked from town to town to meet people from all walks of life. He connected with the average person of his day. He also connected with people with whom he disagreed with. He connected with people on the fringes of society who were often ostracized. He included more people than he excluded.

God has given us the need to be connected with others. Church can be a way that can help us connect but it can also be a way we stay disconnected from others. I've really struggled over the years as I've worked with and heard stories about so many declining and dying churches. So many churches become ingrown and don't reach outward. They are more concerned about their own internal relationships that they don't make new connections with people in the community and outside the church. I once asked people in a church to invite some of their friends to an event we were running. Several people approached me and told me they don't know anyone outside the church to invite. Everyone they knew attended the church or another church.

It's easy to settle and be comfortable with the existing relationships in our lives. It takes energy and intentionality to build new connections and relationships. LUMC was started so that connections could be made in this new community that was developing around the railroad. There was an intensity and intentionality around the beginning of this congregation. I wonder how we can continue that same desire to build new connections with people in our community?

I'm a grandfather to four children and father to two daughters. I'm also a father-in-law to two wonderful men who have married my daughters. And we have even more extended family and friendship connections. I'm so thankful for the opportunity to make new connections. These new connections broaden my horizons as I listen to people share their life stories. How do we continue the LUMC legacy of creating and forming new connections as our story continues to unfold 150 years later?

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stew".

150th Celebration Breakfast

The West Main Diner will be catering a delicious breakfast on Sunday, May 22nd at 10am for our 150 Anniversary Celebration! Come and enjoy, pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fries, and bacon along with fresh fruit and coffee and tea! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of Stringer Auditorium to help us plan for this event. All are welcome, so bring your family and friends. A free will offering will be taken to defray the cost of the breakfast. Should you like to donate ahead of time, make your checks out to LUMC and mark in the memo line, 150 Anniversary Breakfast. Thank you!

Community Block Party Team

The planning for our Community Block Party has begun. The next planning meeting will be Tuesday, May 24 (7 PM) in the conference room at the church. We need people to help with food, games, setup, community connections and more. The Block Party is scheduled for this September 10 (12 noon – 4 pm). Speak with Pastor Warner if you are able to help.

Lansdale United Methodist Women Open Invite

We are planning a trip to see “David” at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA with dinner afterwards. We would like to invite all LUMC members (women and men), as well as their friends to join us for this event on October 20th at 11am. Tickets are \$70 per person, which does not include dinner. Please contact Maryellen Reinmiller at (215) 913-1666 to reserve your spot and if you would like to volunteer to be a driver in the carpool.

Welcome New Custodian

Please welcome new Custodian, Paul Bonner. Paul is a member here at LUMC and felt to step into the custodian position. Paul will be doing this 15 hours per week position in addition to his full-time job. May 1 will be his first official day of work.



Knights of the North Castle

July 11-14

6:00-8:00

(Light Supper Provided)

Spread the word! VBS is back in Person! Everyone is welcome! Tell your friends, neighbors and loved ones! Volunteers needed!

Decorating and Planning fun nights:

Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m:

6/1, 6/15, 6/29 and 7/ 6

(Stringer Auditorium)

For More info: contact Liz Bonner (215) 353-0965
lumceducation@verizon.net

May 1 is Native American Ministries Sunday

By Verna Colliver - Church and Society Committee



Do you know that our Conference has a Committee on Native American Ministries (CoNAM)?

As the secretary for this committee for a number of years, I have been very much involved with the work of this committee. The UMC *Book of Discipline* asks each local church to name a representative to highlight issues that Native Americans face today and to celebrate their gifts and contributions to our churches and communities. Through this yearly Special Sunday Offering the UMC supports Native American congregations and provides scholarships and support for Native Americans to prepare for leadership roles in the church. During the pandemic the Church and Society Committee and our local church representatives, Jim and Marlene Ney, have not been able to plan events, and we hope to do so later this year. Your contribution for this Special Sunday Offering will make our continued support of Native Americans possible. You may use the special envelope provided or contribute through Realm. We ask you to remember that we are living on the traditional land of the Lenni Lenape people. They are the First People who have lived here and were stewards of this land for many generations. The Lenni Lenape live among us today. Learn more here: www.lenape-nation.org.



Learn more about the EPA Conference Committee on Native American Ministries here:

<https://www.epaumc.org/connectional-ministries/advocacy/racial-ethnic/native-american/>

150 Logo Designer

Thank you to Cassie Nickerson for designing and creating the LUMC 150 logo we are using for our April/May celebration.

Infant/Toddler Nursery Attendant Search

New, paid, Nursery Attendant positions have been approved by Church Council on recommendation by Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). Leadership continues to focus on attracting and connecting with younger families and those who have children. The nursery has been renovated, it was painted, new shelves put in, old toys tossed and new ones purchased, and a T.V. monitor installed to enable viewing worship and videos was added. Contact Pastor Warner or the church office for an application.

2022 Student Scholarships

All members of Lansdale UMC who are attending college for the 2022-2023 school year are to apply for



the following Scholarships:

- ❖ *Stevenson Scholarship* -- Awarded to any student.
- ❖ *Slyh Scholarship* – Awarded to a student who will be pursuing a degree in nursing
- ❖ *Roth Scholarship* – Awarded to a student who will be pursuing a degree in ministry
- ❖ *Ruthrauff Scholarship* – Awarded to a student who will be pursuing a degree in architecture

Applications should be completed and e-mailed to john@lansdaleumc.org by May 22, 2022. Please contact john@lansdaleumc.org with any questions. Click [here](#) to access the Scholarship Application

Class of 2022 Recognition

Are you or do you know a 2022 graduate? Pastor Stew will be recognizing graduates at worship on Sunday, June 12. Please e-mail the church office with graduate's name, graduating from, degree, future plans, and a picture by Wednesday, June 8, to have your graduate recognized.

Summer Camps for Children & Youth

Our Eastern PA Conference of the UMC offers three Christian Camps to reach and serve children, youth and adults. Summer camp registration is now open. Visit one of the websites below to learn about the many camps that we offer. You can also register online. LUMC will contribute \$50 per person for any child or youth from LUMC that attends one of the camps. Contact Pastor Warner to take advantage of this \$50 gift.

- *Camp Innabah* www.innabah.org
- *Gretna Glen* www.gretnaglen.org
- *Pocono Plateau* www.poconoplateau.org
- *Carson Simpson Farm* www.csfarm.org

May Missions Emphasis (Blue Envelope) has been designated to financially support our Vacation Bible School (VBS) to be held on Mon – Thurs, July 11-14th in the evening. Theme is “Knights Of The North Castle” & being led by Liz Bonner, Christian Educ director. Donations online, by check (memo: VBS), in boxed blue envelope, or check or cash in yellow pew envelope (mark envelope: VBS).

Sunday School/Jr. Church

Looking for children ages 4 years-high school! Sunday school is alive and well at Lansdale United Methodist Church. We offer Junior Church for children 4 years + . Children attend the first part of the service and then join Miss Liz down in the Bright Beginnings for a bible lesson, craft or short movie. Snacks are always provided Sunday School meets at 10:15 (following church) upstairs. We open with songs and prayers for those in need. Our lessons include bible stories, bible studies of New Testament and Old Testament books, crafts, games and cooking. All are welcome! We are also in need of Adult and Youth volunteers to help out. Please join us!! For more info, contact Liz Bonner at (215)353-0965 or lumceducation@verizon.net

Camp Innabah Open House

On Saturday, May 24th Camp Innabah will be hosting an open house from 11AM to 3PM. Save the date & come experience this beautiful camp by walking, playing & participating in some fun activities with your family.

For more information and to register for Summer Camp 2022 visit www.innabah.org .

Camp Innabah is located at 712 Pughtown Rd, Spring City, PA 19475

Building Challenges

Trustees are the committee responsible for the building and property of the church. There are several challenges on this year's agenda.

- Church roof shingle repairs. Cost estimate is being researched.
- 25 year old Boilers that provide heat are old and breaking down. Many of the parts are no longer made. Cost estimate is being researched.
- Two air-conditioning units will need to be replaced. One was vandalized in early 2021. The other is old and not working. Cost estimate \$25,000

These are all huge expense repairs that are fairly typical for a building as old as ours. Total repairs could possible amount in the thousands of dollars. Please be in prayer for the Trustees as they continue to research the best ways to deal with these challenges. Also speak with Bob Kennedy, Trustee chair, or Pastor Warner if you are able to help defray the cost of any of these items.



Share your reflections and dreams

We're looking for your reflections and dreams as we celebrate LUMC 150 year +1 anniversary. We would like to hear from youth, young adults, older adults, new members, long term members, visitors and others as we move toward the May 22 celebration. Return as soon as possible as we will be sharing responses up to and on May 22. Please answer the two following questions. Keep answers brief, no longer than one page total.

Email your responses to Pastor Warner at stewwarner@outlook.com. Drop off or mail to the church office 300 N. Broad St, Lansdale, PA 19446. You can even leave your answers at the name tag station or put in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Or share your answers on the LUMC Facebook page. Here are the two questions.

Include

First/Last name: _____

Youth or Adult: _____

Length of time here at LUMC (years or months if new): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Questions

Looking back...

Where have you seen or experienced God through LUMC?

Looking ahead...

What are your dreams and hopes for God's work in and through LUMC?

Baptism



Micah Winokur

Sunday March 27, 2022

Parents: Joshua & Kelsey Winokur

Godparent: Katelyn Farrall

District and Conference News

East District News

<https://www.epaumc.org/east-district/ea-district-e-alerts/>

EPA Conference News

<https://www.epaumc.org/news/>

EPA Annual Conference May 20-21

Lay persons and Clergy from more than 400 churches in EPA will gather for Annual Conference via Zoom May 20-21. This is the third year Conference has been online and reduced to a two day event. Click on link below to learn more.

<https://www.epaumc.org/news/annual-conference-to-convene-online-may-20-21-2/>

May/June Liturgists and Ushers

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| May | | |
| 1 | Bill Cole | Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Gary Silknitter |
| 8 | Michelle Johnson | Jim Dietterich, Warren Schaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper |
| 15 | Liz Bonner | Geri Hare, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Maryellen Reinmiller |
| 22 | Luann Ingram | Barry McGuire, Neil Hagenbuch, Bob Kennedy, Alan Dickel |
| 29 | Michele Dasch | Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Gary Silknitter |
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| June | | |
| 5 | Alex Holnick | Jim Dietterich, Warren Schaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper |
| 12 | Paul Bonner | Geri Hare, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Maryellen Reinmiller |
| 19 | Michelle Johnson | Barry McGuire, Neil Hagenbuch, Bob Kennedy, Alan Dickel |
| 26 | Liz Bonner | Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Gary Silknitter |

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| District Superintendent - Rev. Dr. Andrew Foster | |
| Lead Pastor - Rev. Steward Warner | |
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