### **Order of Worship**

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

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude Op 19 No. 1 Mendelssohn

Greetings & Announcements Pastor Warner

\*Call to Worship Michelle Johnson

L: Is God not in Zion? Is there no ruler to lead us?

P: Search for the Lord, for God waits where we least expect it.

L: Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no healer to help us?

P: Cry out to the Lord, for God hears our pleas.

L: Is there no hope left to be found? Is there nowhere to turn?

P: Place your trust in the Lord, whose compassion comes speedily to meet us.

L: Come, worship the one who hears our pleas.

P: We will enter God's gates with hope and gladness.

\*Song Christ Our Hope in Life and Death Boswell/Papa

(Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn)

### **Opening Prayer**

Elusive One, the scoffers say, "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?" Why do you tarry when your people need you? Why do you hide your face when our need is great? Speed your compassion to our side, for our souls have become wellsprings of sorrow, and our eyes have become rivers of tears. Help us, O God of our salvation, for in you alone do we find our strength to revive our souls; in you alone do we find nourishment to meet the needs for the journey. Come speedily to us once more, that we may see your glory and know where our true help lies. Amen.

Scripture Readings Psalm 79:1-9 Michelle Johnson

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Junior Church (for children up to 4th grade) Liz Bonner

Joys, Concerns and Prayers

### **Call to Giving**

\*Offering Prayer

(Your giving to LUMC makes ministry possible in our community and around theworld! Thank you! You can give online at: <a href="https://lansdaleumc.org/giving/">https://lansdaleumc.org/giving/</a>)

\*Song Give Me Jesus Ortega

\*Doxology

**Epistle Lesson** *Luke 16:1-13* 

Sermon Pastor Warner

What Choices Doe We Make When No One is looking?

\*Song I Want Jesus To Walk With Me Trinity #611

I sing the Mighty Power of God Kidwell

\*Sending and Blessing

\*Postlude Jehovah Jireh CH# 716

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### **WEEKLY UPDATES AND CHURCH NEWS**

### 11th Annual Men's Retreat

November 11,12 &13, 2022

Theme: "Real Men in Today's World"

Special Guest Speaker. The Rev. Steward Warner

Location: Camp Innabah - 712 Pughtown Rd Spring City, Pa.

19475. All Men & Friends Welcome

### **College Student Care Package Teams**

We're looking for a group of people to organize and put together care packages for college students. We want to support and encourage college students from LUMC and let them know we are thinking about and praying for them. We'd like to send care packages later this Fall. Please contact Pastor Warner if you would like to be part of this team to encourage and support college students from LUMC.

### **Family Promise Volunteers Needed**

The Interfaith Hospitality Network is Family Promise Montco's emergency shelter program. The Network provides families with children, who are experiencing homelessness, a safe place to stay together, along with supportive services. Family Promise Montco is a partner with Your Way Home of Montgomery County.

LUMC has participated in this outreach in the past prior to Covid lockdowns. We are resuming this wonderful ministry to help homeless families get back on their feet. We will house up to three families here at LUMC in November of this year. We will work with 1-2 other churches to host these families. Families will sleep in rooms here at LUMC for the month of November. We are looking for a team of 3-4 people to work with Family Promise and the other churches to coordinate this outreach. Email Pastor Warner if you are being called to help with this outreach.

### "Got Questions" Sermon Series

Submit your four questions about God, church, life, and faith. Pastor Warner will be doing a sermon series in October on questions people have. Email, mail, drop off at the office any four questions you have. Pastor Warner will review and categorize the questions and then preach a series in October that will be based on the most frequently asked questions. Please be sure to number each question. We will be receiving questions through October 02.

### **Craft Fair**

**UMH #95** 

Our Craft Fair will be held on Sat. November 5 from 9 AM - 2 PM in Stringer Auditorium. If you are a crafter and would like to participate, tables are \$15. To participate please contact Nancy Silknitter or Doris Shaedle by email at <a href="mailto:craftfair@lansdaleumc.org">craftfair@lansdaleumc.org</a>.

### **Nursery Attendant Search Continues**

We are continuing to look for people to staff the Infant/Toddler nursery. We've been searching for two persons and waiting to do interviews once we had two applicants. We received multiple inquiries but only one application has been submitted. So, we will move forward to interview the one applicant we have received while continuing to look for a second person. Please contact Pastor Warner if you or someone you know is interested in this position.

### **UMC Question & Answer Session**

Several people have asked questions about what is going on with the formation of the new Global Methodist Denomination and news about some churches leaving the United Methodist Church. Pastor Warner will hold a question & answer session on today, September 18 at 10 am in the Wesleyan Classroom #A202 on the second floor. Note this is a change from the original date. This session will be to identify questions people have and to provide answers as best as possible. A second session will be scheduled should it be determined that we need to bring in additional persons for more information.

### North Penn/Lansdale Crop Hunger Walk, October 9, 2022

Lansdale First United Methodist Church is registered as a team for the CROP WALK. Help stop hunger by walking or donating. You can register to walk by joining the team (Click Join the Team) or make a donation (Click Make a Donation) on the website.

https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/lansdale-first-united-methodist-church



# Engaging in the Electoral Process: Rights and responsibilities of faithful voter

The UMC Book of Resolutions affirms our civic responsibility: "While declaring our ultimate allegiance is to God, Scripture recognizes that faithfulness to God requires political engagement by the people of God." (#5012) Just as we pursue change by advocating for just policies, so too we are called to faithfully engage in the electoral process. Elections provide an opportunity for us to put our faith into action by engaging candidates, encouraging participation, selecting representatives, and voting on ballot initiatives. From Creating Change Together: A Toolkit for Faithful Civic Engagement, a resource of the General Board of Church & Society.



- See What's On Your Ballot
- Check Your Voter Registration
- Find Your Polling Place
- Discover Upcoming Debates and Forum in Your Area

https://www.vote411.org/pennsylvania

Put your faith into action in the General Election on November 8, 2022

### **Missions Annual Giving Tree Appeal for 2022**

We will have the Giving Tree up & tagged in Stringer Auditorium Lobby by Oct 23rd. The following agencies will be sponsored for 2022 Holiday support:

- Glad Tidings Christmas Shop held at Haws Ave for local families on Dec 3rd
- New toys or cash donations only. No gift cards.
- Methodist Services(Methodist Home for Children) located on Monument Ave
- in Philadelphia. New toys, books & other, gift cards, or cash donations.
- Laurel House in Norristown. Gift cards or cash only.

Take a suggestion card(s) located on the *GivingTree* the end of Oct. Purchase items or gift cards and return to worship service for dedication day, Sunday, Nov 20th. All gift cards must be in a separate envelope & clearly marked with agency name & dollar amt on the card. Cash donations can be in cash or check (Made out to LUMC, Memo: giving tree) or electronic gift donations on Realm. Gifts must be unwrapped and can be placed in a bag to bring to the alter at the designated time during the Nov 20th worship service for dedication. If unable to attend the Nov 20th service, gifts need to be dropped off in advance to the church office. Items are sorted and delivered soon after Thanksgiving to all agencies. Let's Make a Difference for Many Families in Need as they celebrate 2022 Holidays.

Contact: Barbara Hartmann for any questions: <a href="mailto:ebhartmann1722@gmail.com">ebhartmann1722@gmail.com</a>.

### Joys and Concerns requests from 9/11/2022

- Barb Hartmann Pray for ED Hartmann, having rotator cuff shoulder surgery on Tuesday September 13.
- Michelle Johnson Brett- ongoing back pain, having consultation with a neurosurgeon for possible surgery- prayers for healing, wisdom for doctors caring for him.
- Madeline Brown Pray for awakening, prayers for a special pet we had to put down on Friday.

This Week at LUMC		
Sun 9/18	9 AM 10 AM	Worship (Online and Sanctuary) Sunday School all ages
Tue 9/20	11 AM	Staff Meeting
Wed 9/21	6 PM	Brownies
Thu 9/22	6:45 PM 7 PM	Choir NA Meeting
Fri 9/23		Pastor's Day Off

### Lav Readers

Sep 18 - Michelle Johnson Sep 25 - Liz Bonner

Oct 2 - Paul Bonner

Oct 9 - Michele Dasch

Oct 16 - Alex Holnick

### This Week's Ushers

Geri Hare, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Maryellen Reinmiller, Luann Ingram.

### **Prayer Chain**

Janet Harper is coordinating the LUMC Prayer Chain You can email (harperjanetk6@gmail.com) or call (215-699-3026) her if you have something you would like added to the LUMC Prayer chain.

### **October Circuit Rider Newsletter**

Watch the Sunday bulletin for information and announcements. Please email your announcements to <a href="mailto:office@lansdaleumc.org">office@lansdaleumc.org</a> by September 15 in order for them to be published in the September Circuit Rider

### **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 9 am Tuesdays.

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# **Lansdale United Methodist Church**

September 18, 2022 9 AM



## Message

# What Choices Do We Make When No One is looking? Luke 16:1-13

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

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