

# CIRCUIT RIDER

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Livestream worship Sunday mornings 9 am [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)



## Community Block Party Update

By Luann Ingram

3 gallons of Rita's Water Ice, 100+ hot dogs, countless bags of snacks, at least 10,000 bounces in the bounce house and tons of good will summarizes the Community Block Party on September 10 at Lansdale UMC. If the intention of the block party was to get to know our neighbors and for our neighbors to know who we are then Missions Accomplished! Thanks to all who participated, donated food or money, and supported this wonderful outreach.

## Church Work Day

The Church work day scheduled for October 1 has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 8 beginning at 8:30 am. Contact Trustee chair, Bob Kennedy, if you would like to help.

## World Communion

We will celebrate World Communion on Sunday, October 2. Communion will be by Intinction.

## All Saints Day

Join us for All Saints Day Sunday, November 6 as we remember members who have died during the past year. We will also share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



## Note from the Pastor

The Effective Church Group recently shared an article using the rear-view mirror as an example of how we often approach ministry in the church. The first automobiles built

in the early 1900's didn't have rear-view mirrors. Today it's impossible to find a car that doesn't have a rear-view mirror. These mirrors are standard on every car. Many newer cars today also have backup cameras and cameras built into the rear-view mirror. The rear-view mirror is extremely helpful because it helps us see where we are going when we backup. The article also reminds us that this mirror only takes up about 5% of the front windshield.

Now imagine what would happen if we spent all of our time driving and looking through the rear-view mirror or rear camera? Driving would be a disaster. Cars were built to move forward. The article uses this image to illustrate that many church people spend a lot or most of their time looking through the rear-view mirror of ministry. They spend most of their time talking about what things used to be like at the church. How the pews used to be filled, how there were so many children, all the ministry outreach that used to happen.

This article tells us that many church folk spend most of their time looking at the past. The author says, "Our memories of a time gone by are precious but not practical when it comes to leading and managing a church in a way that is outdated and no longer effective in this fast and furiously moving future."

As I age and grow older, I'm reminded that very few people care about what I did 25 years ago or longer. Those accomplishments over the years may have been significant but the world has changed and I'm learning how to adapt to a new world with vastly different challenges. And it isn't easy. But I am learning that constantly look back at the past is not helpful and looking back prevents me from following God into the future.

It is important to know our history, where we came from and how we got here. Then God calls us to turn our heads and hearts to the future and to develop

new approaches and strategies to deal with our new present and ever-changing future. This is "sooo..." hard.

Most of us have already made many changes in our lives outside of church. Almost everyone uses a cell phone in today's world. Not everyone, but many of us have come to depend on cell phones. We use ATM cards as banks cut back on hours. We're moving toward electric powered vehicles. We even changed from the big T.V.'s with tubes to solid state flat screen T.V.'s. There are no longer phone booths on street corners. Most homes no longer use phones with cords. Newspapers have been replaced with 24 hour T.V. news and finding our news on the Internet. Covid even helped push churches to get over their aversion to technology as many churches broadcast worship on the Internet using Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo, and other livestreaming sources.

There is value in our past. We have history, both good and bad. But the future is unknown. We do know that God is in the past, the present and the future. God is calling us to spend less time in the rear-view mirror and more time looking forward and driving into the future with all its opportunities and challenges.

I wish I had all the answers for how we as a church are to move into the future, I don't. But I do know that God is guiding us as we travel the wilderness route of our day and age. The challenges and difficulties are many. God is faithful. God is guiding us. And God is the one who will give us the strength to persevere and move into the future. Our young people are already doing this. God is challenging those of us who are older to also look forward and to walk along side the younger generations as we discover God's presence and power in Jesus Christ in new ways in this ever-changing world.

Effective Church group article ([https://effectivechurch.com/changing-lanes/?inf\\_contact\\_key=9cafc9ad4ff32404201a6ee24e1bee2a](https://effectivechurch.com/changing-lanes/?inf_contact_key=9cafc9ad4ff32404201a6ee24e1bee2a))

# LUMC Marches in Lansdale 150 Parade

Thank you to kids and adults for marching and representing LUMC during the Lansdale 150 Parade this past September.



## Admin Assistant Leaving for Turkey

Administrative Assistant, Karima Saddiq, has given her notice that she will be leaving the position sometime soon. She will be traveling to Turkey and spending the next 2-3 months with her mother who lives there and is also ill. We don't have an exact date for her last day of work. She is waiting to receive a passport for baby Benjamin. She and baby will leave for Turkey soon after they receive the passport. Karima's husband, Jamshid, will be remaining here and continuing with his training to receive a CDL truck driver license. We give thanks for Karima's hard work during the short time she was with us here since July. And we pray for God's blessings on Karima and her family as she travels to Turkey to spend some time with her mother. Also many thanks for all the gifts and support for Karima & her husband Jamshid at the baby shower held for them here in September.

## Search For New Administrative Assistant

We are searching for a new Administrative Assistant. Please contact Pastor Warner if you or someone you know is interested in this position. We are also open to hiring someone short-term to work 3-4 days a week for 12-16 hours a week rather than the full 22 hours per week. Our primary concern is getting the Sunday bulletin, worship slides, and monthly newsletter done even while we are searching for a new person.



## College/Vocation Student Care Packages

We have a number of students in college or vocational schools this Fall, and we would like to support them in their studies with a care package from the church. Maybe some school supplies, a gift certificate for Dunkin Donuts, some snack food and more. We need help in two ways:

1) Students and parents, we need address/contact info for college addresses so we can mail packages directly to students.

2) We also need a team of people willing to help put together the care packages in a box that can be mailed to students.

Here is an address form we need each student to fill-in. Care packages will only be sent to students who send us a completed form. Second, if you would like to help us support and encourage students in college, please email Pastor Warner at [stewwarner@outlook.com](mailto:stewwarner@outlook.com) and let him know you can help.

## 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*

## 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>

## Chancel choir is back

It's almost Fall and time for the Chancel choir to get back!! Chancel choir resumes practice sessions starting Thursday, 8th September 2022 at 6.45 pm. If you have a heart to sing for the Lord, please come join us. We would love to have you there!!



## Nursery Attendant Search Continues

We are continuing to look for a second person to staff the Infant/Toddler nursery. We've been searching for two persons. Donna Fritz has been hired as one of the attendants. We are looking for another person as well. We have already seen a couple families taking advantage of the Infant/Toddler nursery since Donna began staffing the nursery in August. Contact the church office for an application.

# Men's Retreat

## 11th Annual Men's Retreat Hosted by Lansdale United Methodist Men November 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

It is almost time for the 11th Annual Men's Retreat. Thank you for your commitment to this men's program being held at Camp Innabah in Spring City, Pa. Our theme for the weekend is "Real Men in Today's World" and our facilitator and guest for the weekend is Rev. Stew Warner

We will enjoy the facilities of Camp Innabah and will be housed in Bethany Lodge. Bring your own bedding (sleeping bag, pillow, sheets/blankets, towels etc.).

Plan to arrive between 6:30PM to 7:30 PM on Friday, November 11th 2022. Dinner will NOT be served on Friday, so plan accordingly. Our first get-together will be at 8 PM on Friday. The weekend will conclude Sunday November 13th after lunch. All meals will be provided by Camp Innabah in the dining hall located in the Farmhouse. Please bring a snack (healthy &/or junk) to share during the weekend (beverages provided) in Bethany Lodge. If you have any dietary restrictions, please let me know so that I can advise the camp kitchen.

As you know, we will be doing a service project for the Camp on Saturday. Project will consist of Carpentry, and what the camp may need. Please bring work clothes and old shoes or boots. Basic hand tools (hammer, tape measure, gloves, etc.) would be appropriate to bring, if you have them. You



can bring your battery screw gun, if you have one. Special tools will be provided (circular saw, air compressor, nailer,). If you have any questions about tools, please contact me in advance at 215-896-3399 (cell).

### *Other Items for consideration to bring:*

Bible, pen/pencil, tablet, tissues, snack food to share, flashlight, coffee/tea mug(optional), sleeping bag or sheets and blankets, pillow, towels & washcloth, personal toiletries, casual clothes, work clothes & shoes, and comfortable shoes for walking outdoors (if desired), games for free time, basic hand tools (if you have them), jackets or sweatshirts appropriate for the weather, prescription medicines. Camp office number is 610-469-6111.

Payment is \$145.00 for the weekend or \$ 50.00 for Saturday only or \$ 120.00 (one night) for Sat.and Sun. or Fri.and Sat. payment due by Nov. 7th. Checks should be made out to Lansdale United Methodist Church and in memo: Men's Retreat. Give checks to Ed Hartmann.

WE are sorry for the price increases, Innabah has had increases in Utilities and Food

If you are not able to attend the retreat last minute, please contact Ed, so camp meals can be adjusted.

Please be in prayerful anticipation of the weekend. You can refer any questions to me at 215-896-3399 cell or email me at: [edhart3399@gmail.com](mailto:edhart3399@gmail.com)

# Missions

## Help Needed Housing Homeless Families in November

LUMC will be working with Family Promise organization to house three homeless families here on the second floor of LUMC during the month of November (11/1 – 12/1). Two other churches will also be working with us. This is a wonderful opportunity for outreach for our congregation.

### We need

- Am drivers
- Pm drivers
- People to provide dinners to be dropped off at the church
- We could use some dressers or chest of drawers, lamps

Sign up sheets will be available across from Stringer Auditorium. You can also email the church office or Bob Kennedy ([trusteepresident@lansdaleumc.org](mailto:trusteepresident@lansdaleumc.org)) if you can help. We are also accepting donations through LUMC online giving, Realm.

The next meeting with Sue Zomberg from Family Promise is Thursday 10-13-2022 at 7pm for anyone interested in understanding more about participating. Questions see Bob Kennedy, Cathy Kennedy, Marilyn Snyder or Richard Hardisty



**Giving Tree**

## 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: [ebhartmann1722@gmail.com](mailto:ebhartmann1722@gmail.com)



## **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.

The shelter delivery model is unique and cost-effective, affiliated with the national Family Promise organization. Twenty-five "host" and "buddy" congregations serve families for one month each year at their places of worship. Families are provided with comfortable accommodations in classrooms converted to bedrooms. Volunteers from the congregation, who collectively contribute more than 6,000 hours of their time each year, prepare meals, provide overnight assistance, and help with transportation needs. Many volunteers make special connections to our families, often providing a level of genuine intrinsic support that bolsters our families and brings them further into a community that is invested in their success.

During the day, participating families meet with Family Promise staff who provides intensive case management and comprehensive services to help families resolve their homelessness. These services help parents care for themselves and their families, improve their life skills and decision-making abilities, and develop the internal resources necessary to become self-sufficient.

This will involve at most three families staying at the church. LUMC will share this ministry with one-two other congregations during November of this year. With each congregation taking responsibility for food and possibly some transportation about one week at a time. Families will be sleeping here at the church overnight.

## **What it takes: 1-2-3!**

- 1 mission-minded congregation/clergy to lead the cause
- 2 training sessions from Inter-faith staff
- 3 enthusiastic organized leaders to work together
- 15 or more volunteers who love to serve

## **Network Volunteer Opportunities**

### *Dinner Volunteers*

- Needed every evening, deliver meal 5:00 pm -5:45 pm.
- Families and/or individuals bring a prepared or purchased meal for the participant families.
- Information about allergies and food preferences will be provided by coordinators.
- Dinner volunteers may drop meals at designated spot and go.
- Participant families will manage all tasks related to receiving and cleaning up meals

### *Evening Check-in Volunteers*

- Arrive at between 7:00 pm- 7:30 pm 3-4 times a week.
- Brief meeting with families to check on them.
- Survey the building, ask about any issues.
- Report results of contacts to coordinator or Family Promise staff

### *Transportation Volunteers*

- Use Family Promise minivan to drive participant families to and from the day center.
- PA Individual Driver History must be on file with Family Promise.
- Drivers must complete van log information during shift.
- Times are approximate: 6:30-7:00 am and 5:30-6:00 pm.
- Participant families will have their own car seats for infants and children.
- All seat belt and car seat laws must be followed.

### *Child Care Volunteers*

- May be needed while participant families are in meetings.
- Adults must have Child Safety Clearance on file at host congregation or Family Promise office.



### **LUMC Bowling Team Wins Trophy**

Congratulations to our LUMC Bowling Team who received a second place trophy for last season's bowling tournament.

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searching for two persons. Donna Fritz has been hired as one of the attendants. We are looking for another person as well. We have already seen a couple families taking advantage of the infant/Toddler nursery since Donna began staffing the nursery in August. Contact the church office for an application.

### **Looking for Youth/Young Adult Band Members**

We would like to start a Contemporary Praise Worship Service as an outreach to Youth and Young Adults. We are praying and looking for Youth and Young Adults who can sing and/or play instruments to provide musical leadership for this service. These would all be volunteers. Please contact Pastor Warner if you or someone you know might be interested in helping to develop this new ministry for Youth and Young Adults.

### **Craft Fair**

Our 4th Annual **Craft Fair** will be held on Saturday, November 5th from 9am to 2pm. Crafters wanted. Cost per table is \$15. Monies from this craft fair will go to support local and global missions of United Women of Faith (formerly United Methodist Women). Questions please email me at [craftfair@lansdaleumc.org](mailto:craftfair@lansdaleumc.org) or contact Doris Shaedle or Nancy Silkknitter. Look for a list of food donations needed on the bulletin board in October. Put this date on your calendar and come out and shop from our many crafters.

### **CROP Walk**

By Church and Society Committee

*North Penn/Lansdale Crop Hunger Walk to be held Sunday, October 9, 2022.*

It's not too early to start planning and organizing for the CROP WALK! Do you want to help to end hunger? One step at a time? Volunteers are needed to start a team for LUMC. Registration is now open. Find out more at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/lansdalepa>.

Get involved and take action to help end hunger here in Lansdale and around the world. Please contact Verna Colliver ([vmcolliver@gmail.com](mailto:vmcolliver@gmail.com) or 215 527 5622) to offer your help and support.





**Conference and District News**

*East District News*

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

*EPA Conference News*

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

**Welcome New Members**

*(L/R) Madeline Brown, Johanna Lopez*

Joined August 21, 2022

Month	Liturgists	Ushers
<i>October</i>		
2	Paul Bonner	Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Ed Hartman, Gary Silknitter
9	Michele Dasch	Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dieterich, Todd Harper
16	Alex Holnick	Geri Hare, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Maryellen Reinmiller, Luann Ingram
23	Paul Bonner	Barry McGuire, Neil Hagenbuch, Bob Kennedy, Alan Dickel
30	Michelle Johnson	Barry McGuire, Neil Hagenbuch, Bob Kennedy, Alan Dickel
<i>November</i>		
6	Liz Bonner	Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Ed Hartman, Gary Silknitter
13	Luann Ingram	Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dieterich, Todd Harper
20	Michele Dasch	Geri Hare, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Maryellen Reinmiller, Luann Ingram
27	Alex Holnick	Barry McGuire, Neil Hagenbuch, Bob Kennedy, Alan Dickel

*Are you interested in helping as a Sunday morning Lay Reader who reads the Call to Worship, Opening Prayer and Scripture?  
Speak with Pastor Warner if you would like to be added to the list of Sunday worship Lay Readers.*

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**Servants**

Ministers - People of God

Bishop - John Schol

District Superintendent - Rev. Dr. Andrew Foster

Lead Pastor - Rev. Steward Warner

email: stewwarner@outlook.com - Phone:215-990-4581 (cell)

**Leadership**

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

**Staff**

Karima Saddiq – Administrative Assistant  
Liz Bonner – Director of Christian Education  
Rays Koshy – Music Director  
Ruth Rineer – Organist  
Paul Bonner - Custodian  
Donna Fritz - Nursery Attendant

# Block Party Vendors & Participants

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9/10/2022

## ***Clemens Food Group***

*A 50/50 donation for the Hatfield hot dogs.*

[www.Clemensfoodgroup.com](http://www.Clemensfoodgroup.com)

2700 Clemens Rd

Hatfield PA 19440

Contact: Bralene Rathgeber

[bralene@clemensfoodgroup.com](mailto:bralene@clemensfoodgroup.com)

215-647-6398

## ***Great American Popcorn Works***

<https://popcornworks.com/>

336 W. Broad St., Telford, PA 18969

215-721-0414

## ***Harleysville Party Rental***

*A discount rental on hot dog roller machine*

851 Maple Ave.

Harleysville PA 19438

Contact: Doug

[sales@harleysvillepartyrental.com](mailto:sales@harleysvillepartyrental.com)

215-256-4444

## ***Lansdale Library***

Tom Meyer contact

[director@lansdalelibrary.org](mailto:director@lansdalelibrary.org)

301 Vine St, Lansdale, PA 19446

215-855-3228

[www.lansdalelibrary.org](http://www.lansdalelibrary.org)

## ***Indian Valley Public Library***

Robbie Fischer contact

[youthservices@ivpl.org](mailto:youthservices@ivpl.org)

100 E Church Avenue, Telford, PA 18969

215-723-9109

[www.ivpl.org](http://www.ivpl.org)

## ***Nedin to Bounce Inflatable Party Rentals***

215-353-0711

<https://www.nedintobounce.com/>

## ***Rita's Water Ice***

214 N. Broad St in Lansdale

215-368-5010

## ***Volunteer Medical Services Corps***

VMSC (345)

Diane Morrissey – Office

175 Medical Campus Drive

Lansdale, PA 19446

215-855-3779

# **“Got Questions” Sermon Series**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*What four questions do you have about God, faith, or church? Please list each question on a separate line below. Limit of four questions per person.*

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

*Email your questions to [stewwarner@outlook.com](mailto:stewwarner@outlook.com), or mail to “Got Questions,” Lansdale UMC, 300 N Broad St, Lansdale, PA 19446, or drop off at the church office.*

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