# **Order of Worship**

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

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude Rise Up Shepherd and Follow M. Kim

#### **Greetings & Announcements**

\*Call to Worship Michelle Johnson

L: O God, hear our call

P: Stir up your strength and come to save us!

L: Restore us, O God.

P: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

L: For we know that new life is coming.

P: A child will change us all.

L: Let your hand be upon him in blessing.

P: For he will bring you near.

L: He will be God-with-us.

P: Give us life, O God,

and we will forever call on your name.

## **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Jeff and Kathie Richardson

L: "Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit"

Light the fourth candle, the candle of love Reading from Isaiah 7:10-16

- P: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jn. 3:16, KJV). This longawaited Son comes in the form of love incarnate.
- L: How are you preparing for the hope, peace, joy, and love incarnate that the Messiah brings?
- P: God of love, the day is near. Help us to prepare for the coming of Christ, and may our hearts rejoice in him! Amen

Musical ResponseLight the CandleBarrett\*SongGod Almighty, We Are WaitingW&S 3047

(Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn)

**Opening Prayer** 

Michelle Johnson

Holy God, you send us new life in so many forms. Open our minds, that we may recognize it. Open our hearts, that we may receive it. Open our bodies, that we may embrace it. Open our souls, that we may live it. Open us this day and all days. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 80: 1-7,17-19 Michelle Johnson
Carol Hymn Sing Medley of 4 Songs- 1 verse each

UMH #249 (v.1) #228 (v.1) #250 (v.2) #228 (v.3)

Children's Choir Oh What A Glorious Night Sidewalk Prophets

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

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 also give online at: https://lansdaleumc.org/giving/)

**Choral Anthem** The Time Is Near Mary Kay Beal

\*Doxology Christmas Doxology

\*Offering Prayer

**Epistle Reading** Romans 1:1-17

Sermon Called to Belong to Jesus Christ Pastor Warner

\*Song In the Bleak Midwinter UMH 221

\*Sending and Blessing

\*Postlude Still, Still, Still W&S 3066 Quartet

Scifres, Mary; Beu, B.J.The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022. Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition. UMH – United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS – The Faith We Sing; W&S-Worship & Song,CH - Celebration Hymnal

# **WEEKLY UPDATES AND CHURCH NEWS**

## 2022 Advent | Christmas Schedule

| 12/4  | Communion<br>10:15 am Hanging the Greens & Luncheon                |
|-------|--|
| 12/11 | 4 PM Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins                                |
| 12/18 | Children's singing<br>Carol Hymn Sing                              |
| 12/24 | 4 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship                             |
| 12/24 | 7 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship  • Adult Choir & Brass Band |

## **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**

We will celebrate the birth of Jesus at two Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship services, the first at 4 PM and another at 7 PM. Both services will conclude with a candlelight service. The 4 pm service will include a children's sermon. The 7 pm service will feature the adult choir and brass band. Both services will be full of carol singing and the reading of the Christmas story. Come and celebrate God's grace and love in Jesus Christ.

#### **Confirmation Class Interest Meeting**

The next Confirmation Class for youth grades 7-12 will be held at the end of January 2023 through May 2023. Please let Pastor Warner know if your teen will be participating in Confirmation. Pastor will hold an introductory meeting at a later date for parents and youth as we learn who will be participating.

## **WAWA Coupons**

Looking for an easy gift idea that never expires and is loved by everyone? Wawa coupons are your answer. LUMC's own United Women in Faith are selling Wawa coupons good for one "shorti". They are a great bargain and still just \$5.00 a piece! The profits 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.

#### Offering Envelope Boxes For 2023

Offering envelope boxes for 2023 are being prepared and will be available to congregants for pickup at the church in mid-December. Picking up your envelopes will help us to save on postage. Your envelope giving number for 2023 may differ from your 2022 giving number as the number of members who use boxed offering envelopes has changed. If you give through Realm, via text or other on-line methods, you will not receive a boxed set of envelopes. Please email your questions / concerns to financialsecretary@lansdaleumc.org.

## **Giving Tree 2022 Report**

Missions Outreach wants to thank the congregation for your generous donations of toys/other, gift cards, and cash donations that were received & dedicated at the worship service on Nov 20th. The following list is a break down of just how much your generosity helped local families in our area. Thank you so much for your donations!

| Laurel House (Domestic Violence) 11 Gift Cards were received totaling Cash donations received totaled Total cash & gift cards                                | \$270<br><u>\$315</u><br><i>\$585</i> |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Glad Tidings Christmas Shop Made 40 families(126 children) joyful picking to books, for infants to teens. Donations from LUI 37 toys Cash donations totaling |                                       |
| Methodist Services Donations from LUMC included: 40 toys 20 other gifts of hats, scarves, jewelry etc 11 Gift cards received totaled                         | \$285<br><u>\$245</u><br>\$520        |
| Total Gifts Received 60 Toys, games, books etc 20 other gifts of hats, scarves etc 22 gift cards totaling  | <u>\$795</u>                          |

#### **Looking for People to Visit Shut-ins**

We have a lay visitation team of people from the congregation who have been visiting shut-in persons throughout the year. Several of these visitors are now shut-ins themselves or their circumstances have changed, and they are no longer able to visit. We are looking for a couple of people who would be willing to visit a shut-in person 2-3 times a year. Maryellen Reinmiller leads and coordinates this team. Let Maryellen or Pastor Warner know if you can help with this ministry to shut-ins.

#### **Ushers Needed for Christmas Eve**

We need ushers to handout bulletins and collect the offering for both 4 pm & 7 pm Christmas Eve services. Contact Ed Ingram eingram12@verizon.net if you can help.

#### **December Mission Emphasis**

The Blue Envelope for December will support St. John UMC in Bridgeton, NJ. The church is designated as an Historic Native American Methodist Church, the only church with such designation in the state of New Jersey and is the fifth oldest Native American Methodist Church in the nation. It is the home church to many members of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation. The church building has been described as a "place of meeting for tribal affairs when none were available or allowed and a place of ministry to help the spiritual and physical needs of those in need."

## **New Church Directory for 2023**

We are working on publishing an updated church directory for 2023. Please help us confirm your family information. Family information forms are available on the Name Tag table at church. You can also email the church office to have a form emailed to you. Please fill-in the form for your family and return on or before December 31st. Thank you ahead of time for helping us update the church directory.

#### **Redner's Receipts**

United Women in Faith (UMW) is still collecting Redner's receipts which are tallied and submitted to Redner's. In return we receive 1% of our totals by check. This is one of our "fund-raisers", which we use to donate monies to local/international mission organizations. You must use your Redner's Store Card when you shop and turn in the whole receipt by putting it in the "phone booth" near the stairs to the sanctuary. Thank you all for participating. Contact Marilyn Snyder at 215-393-5583, with any questions.

#### **Welcome Ally Hediger Our New Administrative Assistant**

Hello Church family and friends, my name is Ally Hediger, and I am very excited to announce that I am the new administrative assistant here at LUMC. I have been a member of this church for years and kept seeing the "search for an administrative assistant position" slide in the announcements every Sunday morning. I



thought about it, and prayed about it even more, and thought to myself; if I am meant to apply for this position, then God will send me a sign! While repeating that exact sentence during a phone call with my friend, the wind blew strongly out of nowhere and knocked all of my porch décor over. There was my sign! I applied and here I am. God is so good all of the time, and I look forward to serving Pastor Stew and this LUMC church family to the best of my abilities. God Bless!

## Joys and Concerns requests from 12/11/2022

- Neys Prayers for family of Wayne Fogel of Nazareth.
- Marilyn Snyder- Jack in the hospital | Bob my father-in-law in his grief | Bridget- healing and recovery from liver transplant.
- Mary Noll- Friend Sue still in rehab for a broken hip | Brother Rick has Covid.
- Doris and Warren Shaedle- Praise God we are back in church.
- Madeline Brown- Awakening | Pray for my friend Nancy Crow, battling cancer a 2<sup>nd</sup> time. Chemo is not going well.
- Marilyn Ran- Prayers for comfort and closure for the Capaldi/Seward families.

| This Week at LUMC |                            |  |  |  |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Sun 12/18         | 9 AM<br>10 AM              | Advent 4 Children's Choir Sings Worship (Online and Sanctuary) Sunday School |  |  |
| Tue 12/20         | 7 PM<br>7:30 PM            | NA Meeting Laymen Playmen (Stringer Hall) Union (GCC/IBT DC9)                |  |  |
| Wed 12/21         | 6 PM                       | Brownies   |  |  |
| Thu 12/22         | 6:45 PM<br>7 PM<br>7:30 PM | Choir practice NA Meeting Union (GCC/IBT DC9)                                |  |  |
| Fri 12/23         |                            | Pastor's Day Off   |  |  |
| Sat 12/24         | 4 PM & 7 PM                | Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship  |  |  |

## 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

#### Lay Readers

Dec 11 – Liz Bonner

Dec 18 – Michelle Johnson

Dec 25 - Luann Ingram

Jan 1 - Paul Bonner

Jan 8 - Michele Dasch

#### This Week's Ushers

Geri Hare, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Luann Ingram

#### **February 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 January 15<sup>th</sup> in order for them to be published in the February Circuit Rider.

## **Prayer Chain**

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

#### **Lansdale United Methodist Church**

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#### Servants

Ministers – People of God Bishop John Schol

District Superintendent – Rev. Dr. Andrew Foster

Lead Pastor – Rev. Steward Warner

stewwarner@outlook.com 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

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

# **Lansdale United Methodist Church**

December 18, 2022 9:00 AM

Advent 4



# Message

# Called to Belong to Jesus Christ

**Romans 1:1-17** 

Our Mission

Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All

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