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| Order of Worship 9:00 a.m. Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service <i>(*Please stand if you are able.)</i> | | |
| Prelude | <i>In Dulci Jubilo</i> | <i>Dupre</i> |
| Greetings & Announcements | | |
| *Call to Worship | | <i>Paul Bonner</i> |
| L: | Light shines in on the darkness of the world! Can you see it? Can you feel it? | |
| P: | We will open the eyes of our hearts and light, the light within. | |
| L: | There's a star beckoning us to follow. | |
| P: | We will see where it leads us today in worship. | |
| L: | Let's see where it leads. | |
| P: | We will watch as we go about our days, our weeks, and the rest of our lives. | |
| *Song | <i>Sing We Now of Christmas</i> | <i>CH #275</i> <i>(Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn)</i> |
| Opening Prayer | | <i>Paul Bonner</i> |
| God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness- promises fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem. May we, like the magi, have a star to guide us on our journey quest to find the one who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love may transform our lives. Amen. | | |
| Scripture Reading | <i>Isaiah 63:7-9</i> <i>Psalms 148</i> | <i>Paul Bonner</i> |
| Junior Church | <i>(for children up to 4th grade)</i> | <i>Liz Bonner</i> |
| Joys, Concerns and Prayers | | |
| Call to Giving | <i>(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/)</i> | |
| *Song | <i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i> | <i>CH #277</i> |
| *Doxology | | <i>UMH 95</i> |
| *Offering Prayer | | |
| Gospel Reading | <i>Matthew 2:13-23</i> | |
| Sermon | <i>What happens next?</i> | <i>Pastor Warner</i> |
| *Communion Hymn | <i>Good Christian Friends Rejoice</i> | <i>CH #273</i> |
| John Wesley Covenant | | <i>Pastor Warner</i> |
| 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 yoke of Christ. To accept the yoke 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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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| | <i>Lord's Prayer</i> | |
| | <i>Sharing the Bread and the Cup</i> | |
| *Song | <i>Go, Tell it on the Mountain</i> | <i>CH #258</i> |
| *Sending and Blessing | | |
| *Postlude | <i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i> | <i>Kim</i> |

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

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 method, you will not receive a boxed set of envelopes. Please email your questions / concerns to financialsecretary@lansdaleumc.org.

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.

Heeding God's Call- Memorial to the lost **January 16, 9:30 am** **Martin Luther King Day Project**

LUMC invites you to attend a brief Dedication of the Montgomery County Memorial to the Lost at 11am on Monday, January 16 (MLK Day). We are also looking for volunteers to help set up the memorial beginning at 9:30 am, this should take about 1 ½ hours to complete. The dedication will take place after the set up. This is our contribution to MLK work projects here in Lansdale.

Memorials to the Lost are T-shirt memorials honoring those taken by gun violence and their families in the relevant locale. Each T-shirt lists the name, age, and date of death of a gun violence victim. Memorials to the Lost are colorful and portable and have been hosted by hundreds of faith institutions and public parks. LUMC is proud to host the Montgomery County Memorial to the Lost from January 16 to February 6, 2023.

A brief Dedication of the Montgomery County Memorial to the Lost will be held at 11am on Monday on the front lawn or indoors, depending on the weather.

Memorials to the Lost are projects of Heeding God’s Call to End Gun Violence (Heeding), a statewide and faith-based organization devoted to saving lives from gun violence. Heeding is headquartered in Philadelphia and is interfaith, multi-ethnic and seeks to block the illegal movement of handguns from rogue or irresponsible gun dealers to the street and criminal markets.

LUMC and Heeding plan to partner to organize a separate Gun Violence Awareness Day sometime this coming Spring, which will involve many local faith institutions in an afternoon of public education about gun violence and advocacy towards ending it. The MLK Day Memorial to the Lost Dedication at LUMC is an opportunity for us to witness the inspiring power of the Memorial. We hope you will attend. Please contact Pastor Warner, Verna Colliver, or Jill Nickerson with questions, or for more information. Thank you.



Nursery Attendant Search

We are continuing to look for a second person to staff the Infant/Toddler nursery. Donna Fritz has been hired as one of the attendants. We are looking for an additional person to help support her. We have already seen a couple families taking advantage of the nursery since Donna began running the nursery in August. Contact the church office for an application.

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.

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

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.

Joys and Concerns requests from 12/25/2022

- Michelle Johnson- Prayers for safety for all of those traveling over the holidays. | Prayers for Wendy & Harry- Harry has non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. | Prayers for Wendy’s mom- going through breast cancer. | Prayers for Lora- in her mid 40’s battling colon cancer and awaiting next scan (small spots, already found)- Prayers for strength for her and her family- has 2 children, ages 13 and 11.
- Nancy Sweigart- Thank you God for another beautiful Christmas Morn- Praise the Lord!

February Circuit Rider Newsletter

Watch the Sunday bulletin for information and announcements. Please email your announcements to office@lansdaleumc.org by January 15th in order for them to be published in the December Circuit Rider.

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.

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.

| This Week at LUMC | | |
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| Sun 1/1 | 9 AM | John Wesley Covenant Communion Worship (Online and Sanctuary) |
| Mon 1/2 | 7 PM | Trustees |
| Tue 1/3 | 7: 30 PM | NA Meeting |
| Wed 1/4 | 6 PM | Brownies |
| Thu 1/5 | 6:45 PM 7 PM | Choir practice NA Meeting |
| Fri 1/6 | | Pastor’s Day Off |

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 25 – Luann Ingram
Jan 1 – Paul Bonner
Jan 8 – Michelle Dasch
Jan 15 – Alex Holnick
Jan 22 – Paul Bonner

This Week’s Ushers

Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Ed Hartmann, Gary Silknitter

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| Lansdale United Methodist Church <i>Praising God – Making Disciples – Serving All</i> 300 N. Broad St, Lansdale, PA 19446 Phone: 215-855-8364 Email: office@lansdaleumc.org • Website: www.lansdaleumc.org Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM Wed 12:00 PM- 4:00 PM | |
| Servants | |
| Ministers – People of God | |
| Bishop John Schol | |
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| 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 Ally 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

January 1, 2023
9 AM

Communion



Message

What happens next?
Matthew 2:13-23

Our Mission

Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All

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

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Facebook: [Facebook.com/Lansdale-United-Methodist-Church](https://www.facebook.com/Lansdale-United-Methodist-Church)