

Circuit Rider



November 2023

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Lansdale United Methodist Church, 300 N. Broad St. Lansdale, PA 19446

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Live streamed Worship Sunday mornings at 9 AM Facebook or YouTube

All Saints Day Remembrance

All Saints Day Sunday is November 5. We will remember persons from our congregation who have died since the first Sunday of November 2022. Family members are invited to place a carnation in a vase on the altar in memory of their loved one. People in the congregation are also invited to stand in memory of people they have known. There will be extra carnations available for people in the congregation to remember loved ones in their family who have died.

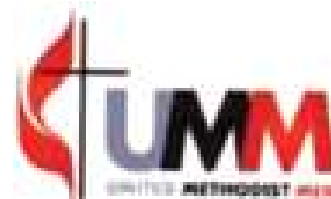
Craft Fair

Our 5th Annual Craft Fair will be held in Stringer Auditorium on Saturday, November 4th from 9 AM to 2 PM. Proceeds from the Craft Fair support our United Women in Faith.



Communion Revision

The line of people coming for communion continues to grow and get longer. We are going to try something different to shorten the time it takes to come forward for communion. We will have two lines instead of one. Let us know afterwards if this is more helpful than just one line.



12th Annual

THEME: "Distortion"

How we sometimes have a distorted view of God
ourselves, and our church community.

Special Guest Speaker:

The Rev. Zachary Hopple, Christ UMC

LOCATION:

CAMP INNABAH -

712 Pughtown Rd

Spring City Pa. 19475

COST: \$145.00 (for the weekend)

\$120.00 (one night with meals)

\$50.00 (Saturday Only with meals)

ALL MEN & FRIENDS WELCOME. See Poster in Stringer

Lobby & on UMM Bulletin Board.

Contact Ed Hartmann at (215) 896-3399 or email him at

edhart3399@gmail.com for more information.

Note from the Pastor

Flying a small drone has become a source of relaxation for me. Flying the drone has also helped me to see landscapes in totally different perspectives. There are several basic “drone moves” that allow me to see landscapes from differing perspectives. Circling, flying backwards from an object, flying toward an object, moving up or down, and several other perspectives. I’m learning to try each of these perspectives because they each provide a unique and very different view of the same object.



This got me to thinking about the many fights we have between people in our country and other countries. Israelis and Palestinians are deep into a massive conflict resulting in many deaths, especially deaths of innocent children and other civilians. It can be confusing trying to reconcile the opposing views of these two countries.

At the same time, the House of Representatives is stuck in a quagmire of trying to choose a new speaker of the house. So many different perspectives and these varying views have brought the house to a standstill with no leadership in place.

Christians here in our country are struggling with different perspectives. Russell Moore, head of Christianity Today Magazine, shares his frustration with Christians who see Jesus as too weak. So there are people in churches who are criticizing pastors for talking too much about Jesus simply because Jesus’ life and teachings differs from their understanding of the world and relationships.

Even Jesus had to deal with different perspectives. Jesus and the religious leaders who opposed him both believed in the same scriptures and the same God. Yet they had radically different understandings about the message of these scriptures, who God is, and how we are to relate to each other.

I can see how it might be so much easier if there were just one way of viewing and understanding life. It would be simpler if one perspective were correct, and all others were wrong. But that isn’t how God made us. God made us to be in relationship with each other. And relationships are rarely simple, and they can be and are often messy.

Maybe that’s why Jesus told us the greatest two commandments are to love God and to love our neighbor. God’s love cuts through the messiness of life. God’s love moves us beyond forcing people to choose which person’s way is better. God’s love teaches us to focus on relationships,

seeking to understand, treating each other with compassion, working together to help meet needs in our community and world, and more.

Relationships, like drones, help us to see things from differing perspectives. Each relationship gives us a new perspective that may be different from our own personal experience. There is wonder and surprise when we allow ourselves to see and experience these different perspectives. This article won’t change many minds about who’s right and who’s wrong. But maybe, just maybe, it might cause one or two people to listen and seek to understand a perspective and way of seeing that differs from them. And maybe we can hear Jesus’ challenge to a world so full of hatred to love God and to love our neighbor. Maybe...

Stew

Acts Wednesday Eve Bible Study

A small group has been meeting each Wednesday evening at 7 pm to study the book of Acts using Max Lucado’s study guide, “Life Lessons from Acts.” We meet until 8:15 pm in the Conference room next to the church office. Join us in person or online.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87126927310?pwd=K0NTUU1HTWxZM3dmWEdiMkRkQ2xHdz09>

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Passcode: 471051

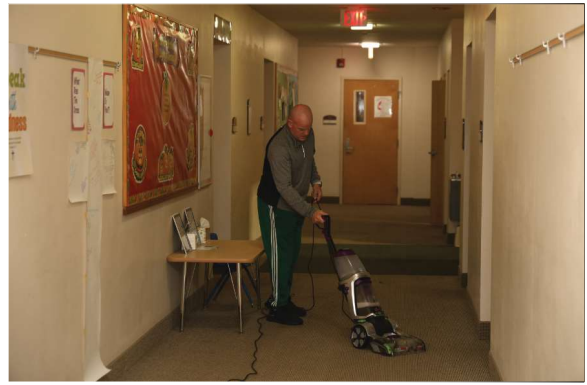
You will be placed in a waiting room after logging in. Wait for Pastor Warner to provide you with access to the meeting. Please let Pastor Warner know if you will be participating in the Wednesday evening group (stewwarner@outlook.com). You will also need to purchase the book, Life Lessons From Acts by Max Lucado. You can purchase the book online at Amazon.com or other bookstore websites.

Charge Conference with District Superintendent

Our annual Charge Conference is scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 9 am – 10 am here at LUMC. This year’s Charge Conference will be a group conference composed of 6 churches. We will meet to celebrate ministry here, set the Pastor’s salary, and other business. Rev. Dr. Andrew Foster III, our D.S. will be leading our group conference. All Church Council members should plan on attending. The meeting is also open to others who would like to observe. You are invited to come and share ministry highlights.

CROP WALK 2023

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to CROP to combat hunger through Manna in our community and around the world. Kathy Herbert and Pastor Warner raised \$340 on behalf of LUMC.



Church Work Day Saturday, 10.14 2023

We made the best of Saturday morning doing projects around the Church considering the weather. We were able to work outside on the tree limbs and bushes before the rain really started coming down. Then we went inside and accomplished quite a few projects. Here is a list of projects that were addressed:

- Trim trees and bushes around the building
- Cleaned and wipe down the Kitchen
- Vacuumed many areas including the sanctuary
- Carpet cleaned Stringer and several hallways
- Inspected and replaced filters in the A/C units
- Replaced lights in many areas, including the exit signs and the sanctuary ceiling
- Removed wax from the sanctuary cushions



Special Thanks to those who participated:

Mike Nickerson, Gary Silknitter, Geri Hare, Jim Hare, Marilyn Snyder, Wayne Wylie, Ed Ingram, Luann Ingram, Paul Bonner, John Dasch, Cathy Kennedy and Bob Kennedy.

Final Boiler Installation Update:

By: The Trustees

PECO just finished replacing our Gas Meter and regulator to handle the new boilers. Both Boilers are currently running and providing heat to the entire church. With our addition of the new A/C units in the Sanctuary last year, we should be comfortable throughout the year in Church no matter what the weather is, for quite a few years to come. Thanks again to the congregation for your patience while we made these improvements.





WAWA Coupons

Looking for an easy Christmas gift? Our United Methodist Women of Faith group sells Wawa "shorti" coupons for \$5 each. All of the profits go to our UMWF missions' budget. Any funds we raise are distributed to both local and

international charities that we support. Contact Maryellen Reinmiller at 215-913-1666 or maryellen.reinmiller101@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to order coupons.

Soul Sisters Meeting

Our next Soul Sisters women's' circle meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20th at 12 noon. All women are welcome to join us. Please bring a bag lunch. We meet in Stringer Auditorium.

Pathways Survey Update

Thank you to the 23 people who responded to the Pathways to Vitality Survey either in writing or to the online version. This means that about 25-30 % response rate of our morning worship average adult attendance.

Here are the results from the surveys this past September and October. Five is the highest level of agreement while 1 means disagreement. The Pathways teams is reviewing the results and seeking God's leading about where to go from here. Here is a link to the Pathways Survey [Pathways to Vitality \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com).

TOP ACTIVITIES BASED ON RESPONSES IN SEPTEMBER			
CURRENT ACTIVITIES		PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	
Giving Tree	3.8	Bible study programs	3.8
Music Ministry	3.8	Utilizing our building for new and innovative ways (that will justify the financial cost of maintaining it)	3.6
Children's ministry	3.8	Extend the building facilities to other organizations	3.8
VBS	4.2	Sunday school for young adults & Young families	3.8

TOP ACTIVITIES BASED ON RESPONSES IN OCTOBER			
CURRENT ACTIVITIES		PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	
Giving Tree	4.2	Community events like Block parties, easter egg hunts etc	4.2
Music Ministry	4.1	Bible study programs	4.2
Children's ministry	4.5	Youth Programs	4.3
VBS	4.6	Community Outreach	4.2
		Sunday school for young adults & Young families	4.1
		Utilizing our building for new and innovative ways (that will justify the financial cost of maintaining it)	4
		Extend the building facilities to other organizations	4

Guitar Ensemble

By: Rays Koshy, Director of Music

Chancel Choir is planning on a guitar ensemble. Inviting all guitarists, ukulele, and banjo players to sign up with Rays (rjnewkoshy@gmail.com) or Ruth.

Thank you from Pastor Warner

Thank you for the wonderful card full of signatures and the gift cards on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. I give thanks to God for this congregation here at LUMC and for the wonderful ways God is working through us to share the love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways with our surrounding communities. I'm also thankful for each of our paid staff who are committed to ministry here as we move boldly into the future of who God is calling us to be.

Family Promise Thank You

At the end of October, we received a Thank You card from the team at Family Promise Montco- *"Dearest Pastor Stew, It's clear to us that you affirm, support and inspire superb servant leadership at Lansdale United Methodist. Bob, Cathy, and their devoted team, stepped up to every challenge all month long. We are so grateful to you and the entire team. With Gratitude, all of us at Family Promise Montco."*

Nursery Attendant Search

We are continuing to look for a second person to staff the Infant/Toddler nursery. Donna Fritz is our attendant. We are looking for an additional person to help support her. We have seen a couple families taking advantage of the nursery since Donna began running the nursery in August 2022. Contact the church office for an application.

Nursery



Christmas Eve Question

Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year. We are contemplating a revised schedule and want to get your feedback. The revised schedule would include a 4 pm and 7 pm worship like we have done in the past. The difference is that we will not have a morning service. So, there would be two evening worship services only. We're working on a children's choir for the 4 pm service. The adult choir will be singing at the 7 pm service. No decision has been made yet. We're just testing the waters to see if people prefer this revised schedule over having one morning and two evening worship services. Let Pastor Warner know your thoughts and feelings about whether or not the schedule should be revised.



Missions

November Mission Emphasis

Guided by Jesus Christ, Red Bird Mission is located in the Appalachian mountains of Southeastern Kentucky. Red Bird empowers individuals and advocates for justice by providing educational, health and community outreach ministries to an area of low-income residents. It has served this area since 1921. This isolated, rural distressed area has chronic poverty, a lack of jobs, poor housing and rugged mountainous terrain, which presents many obstacles to a fuller life of its residence. A PreK-12 school provides education ministries in a loving Christian environment, Health & Wellness ministries through medical and dental clinics, and home care services.

Red Bird has a Work Camp where VIM Volunteers help refurbish homes, a community store with low-cost clothing and furniture, a craft ministries (market local crafter items to a wide area). Support for these ministries come from churches and individuals across the nation. There has been a decline in support and they are facing a financial crisis to continue some ministries.

Your donation to Red Bird Mission & Clinic will help continue vital ministries in this distressed region of Appalachia. We appreciate your donation to Red Bird this month in for this month's Missions support. If you chose to use a yellow pew envelope please label it "Red Bird".

Special Offering – November 26

There will be a special offering collected on Sunday, November 26th in support of United Methodist Student Day. Communion plates will be located on the lecterns in the aisle.



Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross provides about 40% of our nation's blood and blood cell components, making it a vital

source to hospitals and their patients. Please consider donating blood at the last American Red Cross blood drive hosted at LUMC for 2023. *Please sign up to donate online at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-Red-Cross to schedule a donation appointment.* The Blood Drive will take place on Monday, November 27 from 1 PM to 6 PM and will be held in Stringer Hall.

Annual Giving Tree Appeal for 2023

The Giving Tree is now up & tagged in Stringer Auditorium Lobby. The following agencies will be sponsored for 2023 Holiday support:

- *Glad Tidings Christmas Shop* held at Haws Ave for local families on December 2nd. 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/check only.

Take a suggestion card(s) located on the Giving Tree. Purchase item(s) or gift cards and return all to worship service for dedication day, Sunday, November 19th. All gift cards must be in a separate envelope & clearly marked with the name of the agency & dollar amount on the card. Cash donations: cash or check (Make out to LUMC, Memo: giving tree or agency). Gifts must be tagged & unwrapped. If you are unable to attend the 11/19 service, Gifts need to be dropped off prior to November 19th at the church office. Items are delivered soon after Thanksgiving to all agencies. Let's Make a Difference for Families in Need as they celebrate the 2023 Holiday. Contact: Barbara Hartmann for any questions: ebhartmann1722@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

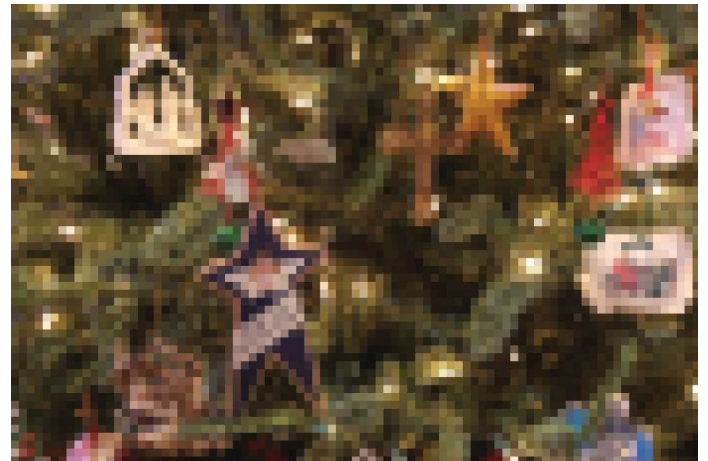
Hanging of the Greens & Luncheon

Everyone is welcome to stay after church on Sunday December 3rd for the greening of the church program. We will be joining together to decorate the Sanctuary. Ornaments from previous years have been saved and we will use them to decorate the Sanctuary trees. If you are new to the church, we welcome you to bring an ornament from home to share with us. Keep in mind we are not able to return the ornaments. There will be a light luncheon served following the program in Stringer Auditorium. Sign up sheets will be at the nametag table, or email a reservation to lumceducation@verizon.net Bring your friends and family for this fun and meaningful event!



Christmas Caroling to Shut Ins

Maryellen Reinmiller is coordinating a team of people- to go out and sing Christmas Carols to shut ins. This event will be taking place on Sunday, December 10th at 1 PM, please contact the Church Office (office@lansdaleumc.org) if you are interested in participating.



Address Changes

May 2023

Betty Starrett
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C/O Sandy Davis
Phoenix, AZ 85051-6479

David& Lynn Whitman
1523 Windward Lane
Lancaster, SC 29720

Donna Millman
74 Elm St, Apt. 4
Sellersville, PA 18960
267-897-3020
millmandonnag@gmail.com

July 2023

Jane Bradford
(Ally put name of home here)
2343 Bethlehem Pike, Apt 300
Hatfield, PA 19440
215-872-2852

Ally Hediger
4103 Bethlehem Pike
Telford, PA 18969

Joe Millman (Temporary)
West Rockville Nursing Home
3520 State Road, Room 212
Sellersville, PA 18960

August 2023

Darren & Michelle Johnson
357 Apian Way
Trappe, PA 19426

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/>

Newsletter

The next Circuit Rider newsletter will come out for December. Please send your articles to the church office by November 20, 2023.

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

Month	Liturgists	Ushers
November		
5	Liz Bonner	Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Ed Hartmann, Gary Silknitter
12	Alex Holnick	Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper
19	Verna Colliver	Geri Hare, Maryellenn Reinmiller, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy
26	Michelle Johnson	Barry Mcquire, Neil Hagenbuch, Bob Kennedy, Alan Dickel
December		
3	Paul Bonner	Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Ed Hartmann, Gary Silknitter
10	Luann Ingram	Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper
17	Michele Dasch	Geri Hare, Maryellen Reinmiller, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy
24	Michelle Johnson	Barry Mcquire, Neil Hagenbuch, Bob Kennedy, Alan Dickel
31	Liz Bonner	Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Ed Hartmann, Gary Silknitter

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<p><i>Servants</i></p>	
<p><i>Ministers - People of God</i></p>	
<p><i>Bishop- John Schol</i></p>	
<p><i>District Superintendent- Rev. Dr. Andrew Foster</i></p>	
<p><i>Lead Pastor- Rev. Steward Warner</i> Email: stewwarner@outlook.com Phone: 215-990-4581</p>	
<p>Leadership Paul Bonner- Lay Leader Kris Neild- Church Council Chair Darren Johnson- Treasurer Bob Kennedy- Trustee President Michelle Johnson- Staff Parish Relations Chair</p>	<p>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</p>