





Order of Worship		
9:00 a.m. Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service		
(*Please stand if you are able.)		
Prelude	<i>The Birthday of a King</i>	CH 284
Greetings & Announcements	Pastor Warner	
* Call to Worship	Liz Bonner	
L: With mighty mountains and crashing seas, P: <b>Praise the name of the Lord.</b> L: With rolling valleys and lush forests, P: <b>Praise the name of our God.</b> L: With tiny ants and majestic eagles, P: <b>Praise the name of the Holy One.</b> L: With innocent children and wise elders, P: <b>Praise the name of Love.</b>		
*Song	<i>Sing We Now of Christmas</i>	CH 275
<i>(Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn)</i>		
Opening Prayer	Liz Bonner	
<b>Almighty creator, we come to shout and rejoice in the wonderful gift of your Son for our world. It is a miracle that fills our lives with your glory. On this last day of the year, may our celebration honor the good we have received from your hand, even as we look forward to walking faithfully with you in the year ahead. As those who came before us, we will not be silent in our love for you; we will not mute our pure joy for what you have brought to our lives. Amen.</b>		
Scripture Reading	<i>Psalm 148</i>	Liz Bonner
Special Music	<i>King of Kings</i>	Guitar Ensemble
Junior Church	Liz Bonner	
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: <a href="https://lansdaleumc.org/giving/">https://lansdaleumc.org/giving/</a>)</i>		
Song	<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i>	CH 277
*Christmas Doxology		
*Offering Prayer		
Gospel Lesson	<i>Luke 2:22-40</i>	
Message	Pastor Warner	
<i>Generations Passing on God's Blessings</i>		
*Song	<i>Go, Tell it on the Mountain</i>	CH 258
*Sending and Blessing		
*Postlude	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>	Kim
<i>Scifres, Mary; Beu, B.J.. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023 (p. 202). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition. UMH – United Methodist Hymnal; FWS – Faith We Sing; W&amp;S – Worship &amp; Song, CH – Celebration Hymnal</i>		

WEEKLY UPDATES AND CHURCH NEWS	
<b>John Wesley Covenant Communion</b> We will begin 2024 with communion on the first Sunday of the year, January 7, 2024. Deb Neild will be preaching, while Pastor Warner is on his vacation. The communion service will be an adaptation of John Wesley's Covenant Communion Service. Come and begin this new year with the powerful spiritual insights from this moving liturgy by John Wesley.	
<b>Laity Sunday</b> Laity Sunday will be celebrate on January 14. Rays Koshy, Music Director, and Paul Bonner, Lay Leader, are planning this service that will be led entirely by lay folks. Alex Holnick will deliver the Old Testament reading, sermon, and benediction. Rays Koshy and the musical trio will perform the music. Luann Ingram is participating also.	
 <b>Offering Envelope Boxes For 2024</b> Offering envelope boxes for 2024 are ready to be picked up in the narthex outside of the Sanctuary. Picking up your envelopes will help us to save on postage. Your envelope giving number for 2024 may differ from your 2023 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 <a href="mailto:financialsecretary@lansdaleumc.org">financialsecretary@lansdaleumc.org</a>	
<b>Pastor Warner on Renewal / Study Leave / Vacation</b> Pastor Warner will be on renewal/ study leave January 2-5 and vacation from January 6-15. He will return to the office on January 16. Pastor Warner was originally planning to travel to Israel with Bishop Schol, clergy, and others. The trip was canceled due to the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas. Pastor Warner is now taking this time for rest, renewal, and study time following the Christmas season	
<b>On Call Pastor</b> Rev. Susan Ketterer is on call for Pastoral emergencies while Pastor Warner is on his Rest/Renewal Retreat followed by vacation Jan 2-15. You can call the church office (215-855-8364) and Ally will relay the info to Pastor Ketterer. You can also reach Pastor Ketterer on her cell phone 267-577-2223.	

**2024 Leadership List**  
Thank you to everyone who has served on a ministry team and who have come to the end of their term on December 31. And welcome to everyone who is continuing to serve on a ministry team and to those who are new and just beginning to serve on a team. We also have a number of ministry teams that aren't official committees designated by the UM Discipline. So much of ministry here at LUMC runs smoothly because of the many committed volunteers who staff these ministries. Updated leadership list are available on the table in the Narthex for anyone to take. There are still places available to serve. Contact Pastor Warner if you would like to serve in an existing ministry area and/or if you are feeling called to help develop a new ministry outreach.

**2024 Church Directory**  
We will be putting together the 2024 Church Directory during the month of January. Please email the church office ([office@lansdaleumc.org](mailto:office@lansdaleumc.org)) with corrections or revisions. You can also drop off or mail changes and revisions to the church office.

**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.”



**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.

**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.

**Gloves Found**  
There was a pair of black, medium sized ladies gloves found in the kitchen- a few weeks ago. If these gloves belong to you, please come pick them up in the Church Office. (Monday-Friday 9 AM to 1 PM) Thank you!





Joys and Concerns from 12/24/2023

- Michelle Johnson – Prayers for Rosie- depression. | Prayers for Vicki- battling brain tumors-healing. | Prayers for those traveling over the holidays. | Prayers for Lynn’s mom- health issues. | Prayers for Darwin- struggles with Parkinson’s. | Prayers for Megan- job issues. | Prayers for Lora- continuing to battle colon cancer.
- Joan Johnson – Continued prayers for Joe Millman at Rockhill Rehab.
- Doris Shaedle – Prayers for safe travel for all.
- Marilyn Snyder – Continued prayers for Patti, Bridget and Emilie. | Prayers for safe travels.
- Maryellen Reinmiller – Prayers for those with COVID especially Pastor Max and Sally.
- Prayers for comfort for those missing someone this holiday season.
- Madeline Brown – Prayers for Awakening. | Prayers of comfort for family of my friend Jane Barwick who died of complications after a procedure.
- Barb Hartmann – Ed had good test results reported on Friday. A true Christmas Blessing!
- Ed and Barb Hartmann – Prayers for Ed’s sister Ruth, who had brain surgery. Tumor was benign! | Prayers for neighbor, Donna. Fell and broke her leg. | Prayers for Cliff and Arelene Lukens. | Prayers for Skip Bradley. | Other unspoken family concerns.

Prayer Chain

Janet Harper is coordinating the LUMC Prayer Chain. You can email [harperjanetk6@gmail.com](mailto:harperjanetk6@gmail.com) or call (267) 261-1197 if you would like to add someone to the Prayer Chain.



This Week at LUMC		
Sun 12/31	9 AM 10 AM	Worship (Online and Sanctuary) Children’s Sunday School (A 205) Adult Bible Study Classes
Mon 1/1	12 PM	New Years Day   Office Closed NA Meeting (Hecker Room)
Tue 1/2	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Hecker Room)
Thu 1/4	6:45 PM 7:30 PM	Chancel Choir NA Meeting (Hecker Room)
Fri 1/5		Pastor’s Day Off

Sunday School | Adult Bible Study Rooms

Children’s Sunday School – A 205  
Wesleyan Class – A 202  
New Horizons Fellowship Class – A 206  
Upper Room Class – A 207

Ways to Give

1. Mail slot on 4<sup>th</sup> Street
2. Mail to church address
3. on Realm
4. Text LansdaleFirstUMC to 73256

Lay Readers

Dec 31 – Liz Bonner  
Jan 7 – Verna Colliver  
Jan 14 – Alex Holnick  
Jan 21 – Paul Bonner  
Jan 28 – Luann Ingram

Ushers

Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Ed Hartmann, Gary Silknitter

Weekly Bulletin Announcements

If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin, please e-mail it to the church office, no later than 9AM Wednesday morning.

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 AM- 1 PM	
<b>Servants</b>	
Ministers – People of God	
Bishop John Schol	
District Superintendent – Rev. Dr. Andrew Foster	
Lead Pastor – Rev. Steward Warner <a href="mailto:stewwarner@outlook.com">stewwarner@outlook.com</a> – 215-990-4581 (cell)	
<b>Leadership</b> Paul Bonner – Lay Leader Kris Neild – Church Council Chair Darren Johnson – Treasurer Bob Kennedy – Trustee President Michelle Johnson – Staff Parish Relations Chair	<b>Staff</b> Ally Hediger - Administrative Assistant Liz Bonner – Director of Christian Education Rays Koshy – Music Director Ruth Rineer – Organist Paul Bonner- Custodian Nursery Attendant- Donna Fritz

Lansdale United Methodist Church

December 31, 2023

9 AM



Message

*Generations Passing on  
God’s Blessings*

*Luke 2:22-40*

Our Mission

*Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All*

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

YouTube: [Lansdale UMC](https://www.youtube.com/LansdaleUMC)  
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