

Order of Worship

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

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude *Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor*

Greetings & Announcements *Pastor Warner*

***Call to Worship** *Luann Ingram*

L: Prepare the path of God.

P: We prepare by waiting with patience.

L: Prepare the path of God.

P: We prepare by living with faith and love.

L: Prepare the path of God.

P: We prepare by pursuing justice and peace.

L: Prepare the path of God.

P: We prepare, we wait, we pray.

L: May God bless us with both patience and passion.

P: We wait and pray to create the path of God.

Lighting of the Advent Candle *Ally Hediger, Conner & Cieran Nielsen*
Preparing the Way
Mark 1:1-8

L: Listen to “the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ”Prepare the way of the Lord.” (Mk.1:3) The time is coming, John the baptizer tells us. Now is the time to prepare for the coming of the Christ child. Make the rough places smooth. Straighten the crooked places. Prepare all the paths so that hope may find its way. Make room for the Holy One. Empty out a space in the inn, in the stable, in the corners of our heart. Make room in the busyness, in the crowds, in our filled-up, frantic lives. Heed the call to prepare space in our hearts and lives for Christ’s birth. As we light this second candle of Advent, let us pray for wisdom and courage to prepare ourselves to receive God’s holy child. Listen to the voice of the one crying out in the wilderness.

Lighting of the second candle, the candle of peace.

All: As we light the second Advent candle, dear Jesus Christ, we pray that we will be a part of preparing your way.

Musical Response *Jesus the Light of the World*

***Song** *Emmanuel*
CH 243 into 244
Come Thou Long- Expected Jesus
(Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn)

Opening Prayer *Luann Ingram*

While we are waiting, come to us, O God. Reveal your presence in our time of worship. Guide our steps in our speaking and our doing. Flow through our lives, our church, and our world with your steadfast love, unending faithfulness, righteous justice, and mysterious peace. In patience and anticipation we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 40:1-11* *Luann Ingram*
2 Peter 3:8-15 a

Choral Anthem *The Time is Near* *Beall*

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/>

Song *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* *TFWS 2099*

***Doxology** *Christmas Doxology*

***Offering Prayer**

New Testament Reading *Acts 20:15-31*

Sermon *Life Lessons from Acts: Facing Problems and Pain* *Pastor Warner*

***Song** *Like A Child* *TFWS 2092*

***Sending and Blessing**

***Postlude**

Scifres, Mary; Beu, B.J.The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023. 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

	2023 Advent/ Christmas Schedule
12/3	Communion 10:15 AM Hanging the Greens & Luncheon
12/10	12:30 PM Christmas Carolling to Shut-ins
12/24	9 AM Worship
12/24	4 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Children’s Choir Singing Children’s Sermon
12/24	7 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Adult Choir & Brass Band

Children’s Christmas Choir

By: Rays Koshy, Director of Music

Hey budding carollers and little songbirds! 🎵 🎵 With the joyous season of Christmas approaching, we are thrilled to extend a warm invitation to all little ones to be a part of our special Christmas Children's Choir. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to experience the magic of the season and share the gift of music with our congregation. Children’s Choir practice will be about 10 minutes long at 9:45 AM in the Junior Church Room (Room A103) Audio for the song is linked here <https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/media-player.jsp?&type=audio&productID=10442079E> for children to practice. Please contact Liz, Rays or Laural.

Christmas Caroling to Shut Ins

Calling all carolers and junior carolers! ***We will be meeting earlier than scheduled!*** Please be in Stringer Auditorium by ***12:30pm***, Today. We will have pizza and drinks available. Make sure to mark the signup sheet if you are able to join us for food so that we can order enough. We will be dividing into 2 groups, handing out song sheets, and a sheet with addresses we will be visiting. Carpools will be arranged. We will need to leave by 1pm. We plan to be back at LUMC by at least 5pm. All are invited to stay after and walk to a Live Nativity at Lansdale Baptist Church which is planned for 5:30pm.

Order Your Christmas Poinsettias

Forms are available for you to order your Christmas Poinsettias for Christmas Eve. These Poinsettias will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for our three Christmas Eve services (9 AM, 4 PM & 7 PM). Forms are available for pick up on the name tag table and in the narthex. Please return your order form along with your check on or before Wednesday, December 13, 2023.



Additional Ushers Needed for Christmas Eve Service

We will be having 3 services on Christmas Eve. Our traditional 9 AM worship service and a 4 PM and 7 PM candle light service. We are looking for ushers for the two evening services. If you are able to usher- Please let Ed Ingram or Pastor Warner know.

College/Vocational Student Care Package Information

If you are a college student or the parent of a college student- we have a college care package team, that are putting together care packages for students- to let them know that they are being thought of and supported by LUMC. If you are interested in a College/ Vocational Student Information form, they are located on the lectern next to the name tag table. Forms should be completed and returned by December 20. They can be emailed to stewwarner@outlook.com or mailed to the church office to Pastor Warner, Student Care Package Lansdale UMC, 300 N. Broad St. Lansdale, PA 19446.



Wawa Coupons

Looking for an easy Christmas gift? Our United Methodist Women of Faith group sell Wawa "shorti" coupons for \$5 each. All 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 @ 215-913-1666 or maryellen.reinmiller101@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to order coupons.

Link to United Methodist Men’s Retreat Article

The EPA Conference of the UMC has a great article about November’s UM Men’s retreat this past November. Click the following link to view the article.
<https://www.epaumc.org/news/mens-retreat-creates-band-of-brothers-through-labors-of-love/3> **Commuion**

December Mission Emphasis

The December Missions Blue Envelope Emphasis is designated for St. John UMC- Native American. St. John UMC, Bridgeton, NJ, 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.” St. John UMC is grateful for financial support of their programs and the people of the community. Visitors are warmly welcomed.

Giving Tree Report 2023
Thank you to all of you who contributed gifts and donations to the Giving Tree for 2023. The following agencies were sponsored on the Christmas Giving Tree:

Methodist Services: Philadelphia, PA
Toys & other gift items: **43**
Gift Cards: **11** totaling \$355.00
Cash donations totaled \$350.00
Total of Gift Cards and Cash donations: \$705.00

Laurel House: East Norriton, PA
Gift Cards: **16** totaling \$415.00
Cash donations totaled \$255.00
Total of Gift Cards and Cash donations: \$670.00

Glad Tidings Christmas Shop: Haws Ave UMC, Norristown, PA
Toys, games, etc: **34**
Total Cash donations: \$210.00

Totals: Toys & other gifts: 77

27 Gift Cards: \$ 770.00
Cash/Checks: \$ 815.00
Total Gift Cards/Checks: \$1,585.00

Joys and Concerns Requests from 12/3/2023

- Barb Hartmann – Prayers continued for Ed Hartmann for test Wednesday and good results. | Prayers for Cliff and Arlene Lukens for comfort and peace for Cliff and strength and peace for Arlene. *Today is Cliff's birthday* (my sister and brother in law)
- Marilyn Snyder – Continued prayers for Bridget, Emilie, and Patty. | My cousin Kathy passed away this week- prayers for the family.
- Madeline Brown – Prayers for Awakening. | Prayers for a silent request.
- Michelle Johnson – Prayers for Vicki-meeting with doctors re: treatment for her brain tumors, continuing to have seizures. | Prayers for Trish- health concerns. | Gail- Parkinsons-health challenges. | Prayers for college students finishing the fall semester. | Prayers for Carrie- upcoming surgery.
- Joan Johnson – Continued prayers for Joe Millman for healing at Rockhill Rehab.
- Luann Ingram – Prayers please, for the Boulton family for the loss of Jim, husband, father and grandpa.
- Doris Shaedle – Prayers for successful knee surgery for Warren on Thursday.

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



This Week at LUMC		
Sun 12/10	9 AM 9:45 AM 12:30- 5 PM	<i>Advent 2</i> Worship (Online and Sanctuary) Children's Choir Practice (A103) Christmas Carolling to Shut-ins
Mon 12/11	7 PM	Church Conference (Conference Room)
Tue 12/12	7 PM 7:30 PM 7 PM-9 PM	Full Staff Meeting (Zoom) NA Meeting (Hecker Room) Layman Playman (Stringer Hall)
Wed 12/13	7 PM	Acts Study Group (Conference Room)
Thu 12/14	6:45 PM 7:30 PM	Chancel Choir NA Meeting (Hecker Room)
Fri 12/15		<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>

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 4th St
2. Mail to church address
3. www.lansdaleumc.org/giving on Realm
4. Text LansdaleFirstUMC to 73256

Lay Readers

December 10 – Luann Ingram
December 17 – Michele Dasch
December 24 – Michelle Johnson
December 31 – Liz Bonner
January 7 - Verna Colliver

This Week's Ushers

Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper

Weekly Bulletin Announcements

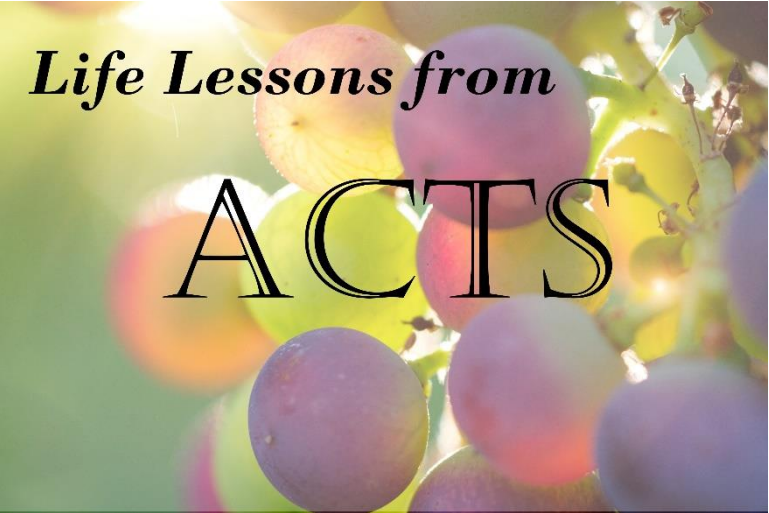
If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin, please e-mail it to the church office, no later than 9AM Wednesday morning.

Lansdale United Methodist Church	
Praising God – Making Disciples – Serving All 300 N. Broad St, Lansdale, PA 19446 Phone: 215-855-8364 Email: office@lansdaleumc.org • Website: https://lansdaleumc.org Office Hours: Monday- Friday 8:30 AM- 1:00 PM	
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 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

December 10, 2023
9 AM

Advent 2



Message

Facing Problems and Pain

Acts 20:15-31

Our Mission

Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All

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

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

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

Website: <https://lansdaleumc.org>