

Order of Worship

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

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude *Dona, Nobis Pacem*

Greetings & Announcements *Pastor Warner*

***Call to Worship** *Michelle Johnson*

L: When the Lord restores our fortunes,

P: we are like those who dream.

L: Our mouths are filled with laughter;

P: our hearts sing with shouts of joy.

L: Worship the Lord of salvation.

P: Worship the Lord!

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Paul Howard, Stephanie Jones, Henry & Penelope Howard

Rejoicing

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

L: Rejoice greatly in the Lord. Proclaim God's greatness everywhere. For God loves justice and hates wrongdoing. God binds up the broken hearted and comforts those who despair. "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my whole being shall exult in my God." (Isa. 61:10). Proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners. Proclaim comfort to those who mourn. Proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. God's righteousness for the poor, the outcast, the vulnerable. Proclaim the coming of hope in a tiny baby, the birth of righteousness and peace for all the nations.

Lighting of the third candle, the candle of joy.

All: Spirit of God, anoint us as messengers of your good news to all people. As we light this third candle of Advent, move us to rejoice and proclaim your greatness.

Musical Response *Jesus the Light of the World*

***Song** *Savior of the Nation's Come* *UMH 214*
(Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn)

Opening Prayer *Michelle Johnson*

God of Dreams, you have done great things for your people. From times of old, you awaken the faithful to the dawn of your glory. Fill our mouths with laughter. Loose our tongues with shouts of joy. Anoint us with the oil of gladness and make it known among all people that we will live as oaks of righteousness, the plantings of the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 61:8-11* *Michelle Johnson*
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Choral Anthem *Amen, Tell it on the Mountain* *McDonald*

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 *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming* *UMH 216*

***Doxology** *Christmas Doxology*

*Offering Prayer

New Testament Reading *Acts 27:13-25*

Sermon *Life Lessons from Acts:* *Pastor Warner*
Living Your Faith

***Song** *Still, Still, Still* *W & S 3066*

*Sending and Blessing

***Postlude** *Bring a Torch* *Kim*

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
Candle Lighting Liturgy from 2023 Nov- Dec Upper Room pgs. 40-42

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 Caroling 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 [Click here the music](#) for children to practice. Please contact Liz, Rays or Laural.

Additional Ushers Needed for Christmas Eve Service

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

College/Vocational Student Care Package Information Form

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.



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



Laurel House Thank You

We received a Thank You letter from Laural House- thanking the congregation for their generous donations during the Giving Tree. It said the following. "As the only comprehensive domestic violence agency in Montgomery County, your donation of \$ 220.00 enables Laurel House to support the individuals and families who reach out to us during every step of their journey. You are helping to

provide clinical counsellors who are available in five locations throughout the county, emergency shelter services at our Safe Haven Center, transitional housing, and the D.A.R.T. emergency response program. We also have a 24-Hour hotline, a text line, community educators working with teens and college students, as well as our in-house legal services team. This is only possible because of generous people like you."



Christmas Caroling at Docks Court, December 10, 2023.

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.

Joys and Concerns Requests from 12/10/2023

- Barb Hartmann –Continued prayers for Cliff and Arlene Lukens for love and peace.
- Marilyn Snyder – Continued prayers for Patty, Emilie, and Bridget.
- Ally Hediger – Joy! Conner turned 11 on Thursday, 12/7 and Collin turned 4 yesterday. 😊
- Karen and Ron Meyers – Please pray for our grandson Josh. He broke his back on Friday.
- Mary Noll – Prayers for the tornado victims in Tennessee last night and those affected by the destruction.
- Prayers for Ellen’s friend Vicki, dealing with Alzheimer’s.
- Michelle Johnson – Continued prayers for Vicki- for healing- brain tumors. | Trish- ongoing health concerns. | Continued prayers for health- my mom and stepfather.
- Madeline Brown – Awakening. | Prayers for comfort to families of Mary Boyle and Cindy Jordan- both passed on Friday.
- Doris Shaedle – Prayers for continued healing for Warren.
- Michele Dasch – Continued prayers for John who is receiving radiation therapy for cancer. Prayers to guide the minds and hands of his medical team with skill and knowledge to perform the procedures to support the best outcome.
- Prayers requested for Missy- undergoing treatment for gastrointestinal cancer.

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 12/17	9 AM 9:45 AM 10 AM	<i>Advent 3</i> Worship (Online and Sanctuary) Children’s Choir Practice (A103) Children & Adult Sunday School Classes
Tue 12/19	7:30 PM 7:30 PM	Union (GCC/IBT DC 9) (A206) NA Meeting (Hecker Room)
Thu 12/21	6:45 PM 7:30 PM 7:30 PM	Chancel Choir NA Meeting (Hecker Room) Union (GCC/ IBT DC9) (A206)
Fri 12/22		<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 17 – Michelle Johnson
December 24 (9 AM) – Michele Dasch
December 31 – Liz Bonner
January 7 - Verna Colliver
January 14 – Alex Holnick

This Week’s Ushers

Geri Hare, Maryellen Reinmiller, Cathy Kennedy, Michele Dasch

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.

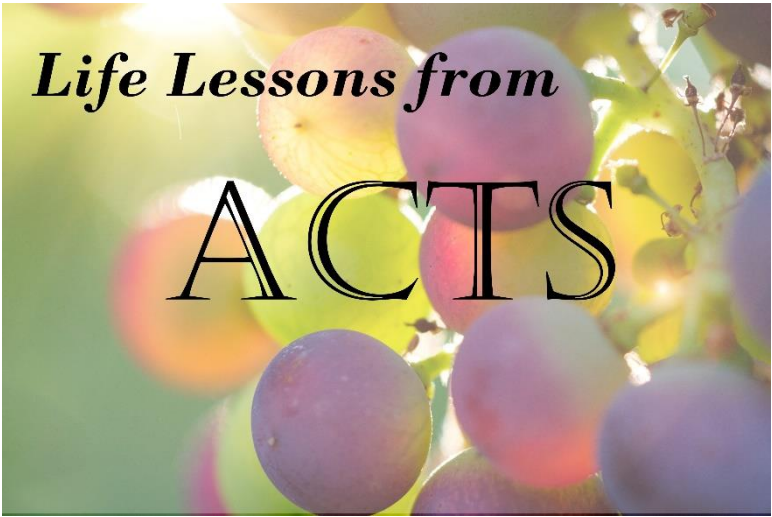
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Servants	
Ministers – People of God	
Bishop John Schol	
District Superintendent – Rev. Dr. Andrew Foster	
Lead Pastor – Rev. Steward Warner stewwarner@outlook.com 215-990-4581 (cell)	
Leadership Paul Bonner – Lay Leader Kris Neild – Church Council 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 17, 2023

9 AM

Advent 3



Message

Living Your Faith

Acts 27:13-25

Our Mission

Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All

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

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