

## Order of Worship

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

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

**Prelude** *Jesus the Light of the World*

**Greetings & Announcements** *Pastor Warner*

**\*Call to Worship** *Paul Bonner*

L: The Lord of hosts redeems us when we stray.

**P: With a mighty arm, God comes to save us.**

L: When God hid his face, we strayed. When God withdrew his presence, we stumbled.

**P: God has fed us with the bread of tears and given us tears to drink in full measure.**

L: Yet, through his Son, God calls us back from the pit and restores our future.

**P: God shines upon us with love, that we might be saved.**

L: Come! Let us worship.

#### Lighting of the Advent Candle

*God's Restoration*

*Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19*

L: Today, we enter Advent, a season of possibilities, a time of “not yet.” But daily lives reflect human struggles. Sometimes we are surrounded by brokenness- in our lives, among our friends and families, in our worldwide family. Hope seems a far-off vision; yet we yearn for it to fill us. When hope is lost, when people are hurting, when nations are fighting, when children are hungry, we cry together, “Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved” (Ps. 80:3, NRSVUE.)

*Lighting of the first candle, the candle of hope.*

**All: Restore us, O God of life, Bring us closer to hope, the hope that lights the way on the journey to Bethlehem. During this season of waiting, may we be open to signs of your restoring love. As we light this first Advent candle, we pray for your restoration in the midst of brokenness and despair.**

**Musical Response** *Jesus the Light of the World*

**\*Song** *God Almighty, We are Waiting* *WS 3047*  
(\*Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn)

**Opening Prayer** *Paul Bonner*

**God of glory, your power darkens the skies and causes the moon to grow dim. When we scatter to the four winds, gather us from the ends of the earth and restore us as your people. Awaken us from slumber, that we may be found ready when the master of the house returns. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading** *Isaiah 64:1-9* *Paul Bonner*  
*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

**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/>*

*\*There is a special offering today, for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund  
There are offering plates located in the aisles for this offering. Thank you.\**

**Song** *Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine* *CH 572*

**\*Doxology** *Christmas Doxology*

#### \*Offering Prayer

**New Testament Reading** *Acts 17:16-31*

**Sermon** *Life Lessons from Acts: Presenting the Gospel* *Pastor Warner*

**\*Communion Hymn** *O the Blood of Jesus* *CH 333*

#### Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Blessing of the Bread and the Cup*

*Lord's Prayer*

*Sharing the Bread and the Cup*

**\*Song** *Benediction Hymn* *WS 3182*

#### \*Sending and Blessing

**\*Postlude** *Of the Fathers Love Begotten* *CH 240*

*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 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



### Family Hanging of the Greens and Light Luncheon Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Everyone is invited to our annual Hanging of the Greens service followed by a light luncheon! Directly following our service today, we will join together to decorate our beautiful sanctuary. After this, we will head into Stringer Auditorium for a festive light luncheon and our traditional singing of the 12 Days of Christmas! All are welcome, make sure to bring friends and family, it will be very child friendly!

### 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> Communion

## 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** on Sunday, December 10th .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.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:maryellen.reinmiller101@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to order coupons.

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 11/26/2023

- Barb Hartmann – Prayers continued for Ed Hartmann with health concerns and ongoing testing.
- Marilyn Snyder – Continued prayers for Bridget, Emilie, and Patty.
- Maryellen Reinmiller – Prayers for unspoken concern.
- Madeline Brown – Prayers for Awakening. | Prayers for a silent request.
- Angela Buckley – Continued prayers for my grandmother Doris, still looking for relief from back pain.
- Michelle Johnson – Prayers for Vicki- continuing to have seizures, prayers for healing from brain tumors. | Prayers for Trish- health concerns. Prayers for those traveling after Thanksgiving. | Prayers for healing for the Israel/ Palestine conflict. | Prayers for college students finishing the fall semester.

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 12/3	9 AM 9:45 AM 10 AM	Advent 1 / Communion Worship (Online and Sanctuary) Children’s Choir Practice (A103) Hanging of the Greens Light Luncheon (Stringer Hall)
Mon 12/4	7 PM	Trustees (Conference Room)
Tue 12/5	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Hecker Room)
Wed 12/6	7 PM	Acts Study Group (Conference Room)
Thu 12/7	6:45 PM 7:30 PM	Chancel Choir NA Meeting (Hecker Room)
Fri 12/8		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

- Mail slot on 4th St
- Mail to church address
- [www.lansdaleumc.org/giving](http://www.lansdaleumc.org/giving) on Realm
- Text LansdaleFirstUMC to 73256

Lay Readers

December 3 – Paul Bonner  
December 10 – Luann Ingram  
December 17 – Michele Dasch  
December 24 – Michelle Johnson  
December 31 – Liz Bonner

This Week’s Ushers

Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Ed Hartmann, Gary Silknitter

Weekly Bulletin Announcements

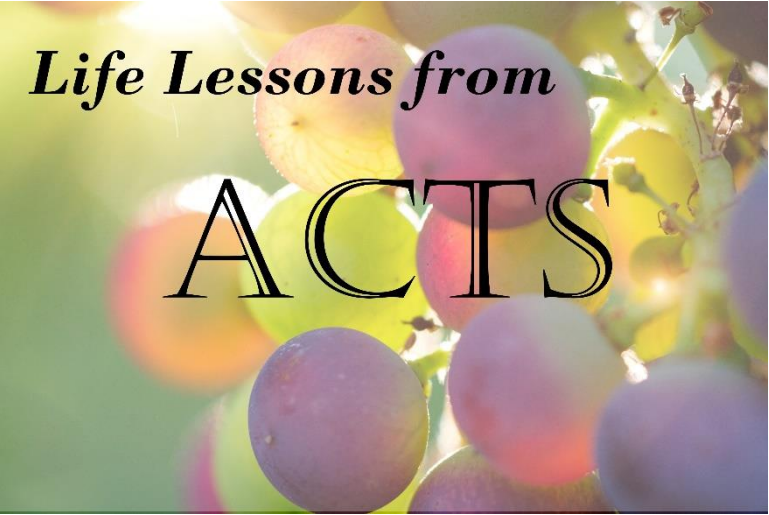
If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin, please e-mail it to the church office, no later than 9AM Wednesday morning.

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<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 Donna Fritz – Nursery Attendant

Lansdale United Methodist Church

December 3, 2023  
9 AM

Advent 1  
Communion



Message

Presenting the Gospel

Acts 17:16-31

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)

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Website: <https://lansdaleumc.org>