

9:00 a.m. Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service
*(*Please stand if you are able.)*

Prelude *All is Well*

Greetings & Announcements *Pastor Warner*

***Call to Worship** *Michele Dasch*

L: Relatives conceive- one a barren woman, the other a young girl who has not been with a man.

P: How can this be?

L: With God, all things are possible.

P: Our hearts beat with laughter. Our lips sing of God's glory.

L: Let us magnify the Lord as we worship God this day.

Lighting of the Advent Candle
John and Michele Dasch
Receiving God's Hope
 Luke 1:26-38

L: During this season of giving, we pause to open our hearts, our minds, our spirits to receive God's blessings. We proclaim with Mary, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior" We have witnessed God's restoration in the midst of broken-ness. We have prepared ourselves for Christ's coming. We have proclaimed with faith the promise of God's generous righteousness.

Lighting of the fourth candle, the candle of love.

All: Now we stand with welcome hearts, O God, waiting to receive. Our spirits hunger for the coming of hope. Fill us with restoring love. Prepare us for the coming of your Holy Child. Encourage us to proclaim the good news to all people. Like Mary, we are your lowly servants. As we light this fourth candle of Advent, may we receive with Mary's openness and trust. Prepare us to receive your gift of hope.

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

***Song** *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* *W&S 3052*
(Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn)

Opening Prayer *Michele Dasch*

Come to us, Promised One, in this season of waiting. Set our hearts ablaze with the glory of your salvation. Set our minds afire with the richness of your word. Reveal to us the secret of your ways; for you alone are wise, you alone are worthy of our thanks and praise. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading *Luke 1:39-55* *Michele Dasch*

Choral Anthem *Christmas Day in the Morning*

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/>

<u>WEEKLY UPDATES AND CHURCH NEWS</u>	
	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

We will be having two candlelight services today, a 4 PM service- with the Children's Choir performing and a Children's Sermon. Candlelight 7 PM service with the Adult Choir.

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.

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.

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.

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 preform the music. Luann Ingram is participating also. If you're interested in participating please contact Paul Bonner at Bonnerbunch6@aol.com.



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 UMF 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.

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.

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:

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

Gift Cards. **16** totaling \$415.00
Cash donations totaled \$255.00
Total of Gift Cards and Cash donations: \$670.00

Toys, games, etc: **34**
Total Cash donations: \$210.00

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.”

Offering Envelope Boxes For 2024

Offering envelope boxes for 2024 are being prepared and will be available to congregants for pickup at the church in mid-December. 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 financialsecretary@lansdaleumc.org.



Joys and Concerns Requests from 12/17/2023

- Barb Hartmann –Continued prayers for Cliff Lukens for comfort and peace and for Arlene for strength and peace. (sister and brother in law)
- Maryellen Reinmiller – Prayers for our granddaughter Colbie doctors appointments this week.
- Marilyn Snyder- Continued prayers for Emilie- she is in the hospital, Patty and Bridget, and Aubrey.
- Marilyn Rau – Prayers for healing for my sister-in-law Judy, who had unexpected surgery last week.
- Madeline Brown – Awakening. | Prayers for my friend Jane Barwick. In Emory Hospital in Atlanta with complications after heart procedure.
- The Neys – Prayers for Cliff Lukens and Skip Bradley.
- Michelle Johnson – Sudden death of Jerry, our neighbors son- comfort for her and her family. | Continued prayers for Vicki- healing from brain tumors. | Prayers for those traveling over the Christmas Holidays. | Continued prayers for Trish- health.
- Diana Gallato Rapine – Keep Stevie and Jacob in prayer for missing their mom during Christmas.

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 12/24	9 AM	Advent 4/ Christmas Eve Worship (Online and Sanctuary) Children’s Choir Practice (A103) No Sunday School Christmas Eve Worship (Children Sermon) Christmas Eve Worship (Adult Choir)
	9:45 AM	
Mon 12/25	4 PM	Christmas Day Office Closed
	7 PM	
Tue 12/26	7 PM	NA Meeting (Hecker Room)
Thu 12/28	6:45 PM	Chancel Choir NA Meeting (Hecker Room)
	7:30 PM	
Fri 12/29		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 4th St
2. Mail to church address
3. www.lansdaleumc.org/giving on Realm
4. Text LansdaleFirstUMC to 73256

Lay Readers

December 24 – Michele Dasch
December 24 (4 PM) – Luann Ingram
December 24 (7 PM) – Verna Colliver
December 31 – Liz Bonner
January 7 - Verna Colliver
January 14 – Alex Holnick

This Week’s Ushers

Barry McGuire, Neil Hagenbuch, Bob Kennedy, Alan Dickel

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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Lansdale United Methodist Church

December 24, 2023

9 AM

Advent 4



Message

God’s House

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

Our Mission

Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All

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

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