

Order of Worship

7:00 p.m. Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude

Brass Ensemble

Greeting and Welcome

Pastor Warner

* Call to Worship

Verna Colliver

L: The night was dark.

P: A baby lay in a manger.

L: The night was still.

P: Angels sang to shepherds.

L: The night was expectant.

P: God's glory shone brightly.

L: On this night,

P: Let us rejoice in the gift of love.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Isaiah 52:7-10

L:

Christ Jesus comes to us this day. With the angels we sing; "Glory to God in the highest heaven." Together we sing for joy. A baby has been born in Bethlehem. With the Shepherds, we kneel before the manger of hope. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings us good news, who announces salvation, who says to us, "Your God reigns."

Lighting of the Christ Candle

All: Sing out with praise! Hope has come to us: to poor and to rich, to old and young, to the infinite sky and the reaved earth, to people of all nations and all hues of color. Break forth together in singing! Jesus is born! As we light the Christ candle, let us sing with praise and joy, for Hope is born today.

Musical Response

Jesus, Light of the World

Raney

Opening Prayer

Verna Colliver

Loving God, this is a holy night. We come longing to hear your story of new life and hope. Speak your words of truth and power. May the gift of your love be born anew among us. Cast out our fears, that we may rejoice in your power and your goodness. Amen.

*Song

What Child is This?

UMH 219

Choral Anthem

Tell it on the Mountain

McDonald

Reading of the Christmas Story

Luke 1:26-38

Verna Colliver

Christmas Prayer

Pastor Warner

Special Music

Breath of Heaven

Zoeh John & Ruth Rineer

Christmas Carol Hymn Sing

O Holy Night (vs. 1 & 3)

CH 285

O, Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1 & 4)

CH 250

Angels We Have Heard on High (Chorus Only)

CH 278

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1 & 3)

CH 277

The First Noel (vs. 1, repeat the chorus)

CH 265

O Come All Ye Faithful (vs. 1 & 2)

CH 249

Offering of our gifts		
<i>(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/)</i>		
Special Music	Carol of the Bells	
	Zoeh / Laural / Alex / Rays	
*Christmas Doxology		
*Offering Prayer		
Gospel Lesson	<i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>	
Message	<i>A Love Story</i>	<i>Pastor Warner</i>
*Candlelighting Ceremony		
	<i>Silent Night</i>	<i>CH 253</i>
	<i>Joy to the World</i>	<i>CH 270</i>
*Postlude		
	<i>Brass Ensemble</i>	
<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&S – Worship & Song, CH – Celebration Hymnal</i>		
<i>Candle Lighting Liturgy from 2023 Nov-Dec Upper Room Pgs. 40-42</i>		

WEEKLY UPDATES AND CHURCH NEWS

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



Pastor Warner on Renewal / Study Leave / Vacation

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.

On Call Pastor

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.

John Wesley Covenant Communion

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.

Joy to The World!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia.
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus,
Lord at Thy birth, Jesus Lord at Thy birth.

Laity Sunday

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.

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.

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.



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

This Week at LUMC		
Sun 12/24	9 AM	<i>Advent 4 Christmas Eve</i> Worship (Online and Sanctuary) No Sunday School
	4 PM	Candle Lit Ceremony (Children Choir)
	7 PM	Candle Lit Ceremony (Adult Choir Brass Band)
Mon 12/25		<i>Christmas Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>
Tue 12/26	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Hecker Room)
Thu 12/28	6:45 PM 7:30 PM	Chancel Choir NA Meeting (Hecker Room)
Fri 12/29		<i>Pastor’s Day Off</i>

Ways to Give

- 1. Mail slot on 4th Street
- 2. Mail to church address
- 3. on Realm
- 4. Text LansdaleFirstUMC to 73256

Lay Readers

Dec 24 (9 AM)- Michele Dasch
Dec 24 (4 PM) – Luann Ingram
Dec 24 (7 PM) – Verna Colliver
Dec 31 – Liz Bonner
Jan 7 – Verna Colliver
Jan 14 – Alex Holnick

Ushers

Geri Hare, Cathy Kennedy, Neil Hagenbach, Ed Ingram, Luann Ingram

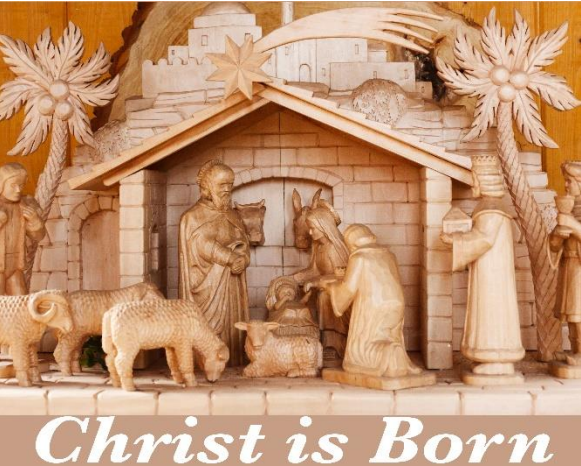
Weekly Bulletin Announcements

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 Nursery Attendant- Donna Fritz

Lansdale United Methodist Church
December 24, 2023
7 PM

Christmas Eve



Message
A Love Story

Matthew 1:18-25

Our Mission
Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All

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

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