

Order of Worship

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

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude

In Dulce Jubileo

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Greetings & Announcements

Reverend Deb Neild

\* Call to Worship

Verna Colliver

L: Listen for God's word...

P: Calling forth creation.

L: Listen for God's word...

P: Working with power and majesty.

L: Listen for God's word...

P: Speaking blessings.

L: Listen for God's word...

P: In this moment.

\*Song

We Three Kings

CH 288

(Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn)

Opening Prayer

Verna Colliver

God of power and majesty, you call forth creation, acting with strength and power. We praise you, as we stand in awe of your glory. You are mighty and powerful, and yet you care for us, pouring your Spirit of love upon us, recreating us for your work in the world. You are at work in our midst, offering a new day of hope and possibility. Open our hearts to the sound of your voice. Send the power of your Spirit among us, that we might become agents of your love and peace. Amen.

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Verna Colliver

Junior Church

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 collection plates located in the aisles.\*

Song

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Shane

\*Doxology

UMH 94

\*Offering Prayer

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

Children of the Day

Reverend Deb Neild

\*Communion Hymn

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

John Wesley Covenant Communion

Reverend Deb Neild

In the old covenant, God chose Israel to be a special people and to obey the law. Our Lord Jesus Christ, by his death and resurrection, has made a new covenant with all who trust in him. We stand within this covenant, and we bear his name. On the one side, God promises in this covenant to give us new life in Christ. On the other side, we are pledged to live not for ourselves but for God. Today, therefore, we meet to renew the covenant, which binds us to God.

Friends, let us claim the covenant God has made with his people, and accept the yoke of Christ. To accept the yoke of Christ means that we allow Christ to guide all that we do and are, and that Christ has many services to be done; some are easy, others are difficult; some make others applaud us, others bring only reproach; some we desire to do because of our own interests; others seem unnatural. Sometimes we please Christ and meet our own needs, at other times we cannot please Christ unless we deny ourselves. Yet Christ strengthens us and gives us the power to do all these things. Therefore, let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us give ourselves completely to God, trusting in His promises and relying on His grace.

All:

I give myself completely to You, God. Assign me to my place in your creation. Let me suffer for You. Give me the work You would have me do. Give me many tasks or have me step aside while You call others. Put me forward or humble me. Give me riches or let me live in poverty. I freely give all that I am and all that I have to You. And now, holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am Yours. So be it. May this covenant made on earth continue.

Special Music

There are Angels Hovering Round

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Blessing of the Bread and the Cup

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

\*Song

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

CH 152

\*Sending and Blessing

\*Postlude

The Lord Bless You And Keep You

CH 236

Scifres, Mary; Beu, B.J.. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024 (p. 202). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition. UMH – United Methodist Hymnal; FWS – Faith We Sing; W&S – Worship & Song, CH – Celebration Hymnal

WEEKLY UPDATES AND CHURCH NEWS

Pastor Warner Announces Retirement

After much prayer and thought, I've decided to retire from full-time ministry at the end of June 2024 after 36 years of full-time ministry and two years of part-time ministry. I've served as a pastor for the past 41 years when you include my three years serving a church while I was a student in seminary. I give thanks for all those years of ministry as I sought to serve where Jesus Christ sent me. Now it's time for me to change directions as I look to shift to part-time ministry that might include video and photography while serving a small congregation part-time. I'm also looking forward to some travel time and time with family and friends. I give thanks for what will be three years of ministry here at LUMC. We have had our challenges and we've also seen God do some wonderful things as we've connected with people both within and outside the walls of the church. The Staff Parish Relation Committee is working with D.S. Andrew Foster III and Bishop Schol as they seek to discern who will be your next pastor beginning July 1. May God's peace and grace surround each of you during this time of transition. Stew

Thank You From the Staff

Thank you for the extremely generous Christmas gift from the congregation. We give thanks for the opportunity and the privilege to serve Jesus Christ with you here in the Lansdale and surrounding communities. May God continue to bless and lead you in the coming year. Liz, Rays, Ruth, Paul, Donna, Ally, Stew

Laity Sunday

Laity Sunday will be celebrated 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.



Offering Envelope Boxes For 2024

Offering envelope boxes for 2024 are ready to be picked up in the narthex outside of the Sanctuary. 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](mailto: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.

2024 Leadership List

Thank you to everyone who has served on a ministry team and who have come to the end of their term on December 31. And welcome to everyone who is continuing to serve on a ministry team and to those who are new and just beginning to serve on a team. We also have a number of ministry teams that aren't official committees designated by the UM Discipline. So much of ministry here at LUMC runs smoothly because of the many committed volunteers who staff these ministries. Updated leadership list are available on the table in the Narthex for anyone to take. There are still places available to serve. Contact Pastor Warner if you would like to serve in an existing ministry area and/or if you are feeling called to help develop a new ministry outreach.



2024 Church Directory

We will be putting together the 2024 Church Directory during the month of January. Please email the church office ([office@lansdaleumc.org](mailto:office@lansdaleumc.org) ) with corrections or revisions. You can also drop off or mail changes and revisions to the church office.



January Mission Emphasis

The Blue Envelope for January will support Manna on Main Street. Manna on Main Street is committed to ending hunger in the North Penn region by providing food, fulfilling social service and education needs, and conducting community outreach. Through a food pantry and soup kitchen, emergency financial aid, counseling and referrals, and education opportunities, we serve those in need with the hope “that everyone might be fed.”

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.

“Soup”er Bowl Sunday Soup Collection

UWF will collect meat-based soups on February 11 for “Souper” Bowl Sunday. Look for a display for depositing your soup on that Sunday. We will take the soup to Manna On Main Street.

Taking Down of the Greens

What goes up must also come down, and that adage applies not only to gravity but to our church Christmas decorations! There will be 3 opportunities to help take down the "greens." Tuesday January 9th at 2pm, Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm and Saturday January 13th, at 2pm. Please join us during one of these opportunities. Many hands make light work! Thank you!

UMWF Meeting

Our United Methodist Women of Faith will be having our first meeting of 2024 on January 15th. Any who are available are encouraged to come to church at 9:30 AM to help with chores around the church in honor of MLK Day. Following this we will enjoy a healthy light lunch together and begin our new program "Food, Faith, and Fellowship." Lunch will be provided this month. *All women are welcome. Please bring a healthy family recipe to share!*

Joys and Concerns from 12/31/2023

Mary Noll – Prayers for friend, Regina had LVAD surgery. Not out of the woods. | Prayers for two friends in kidney failure.  
Johanna Lopez – Prayers that my granddaughter, Gianna, be accepted by the University of Maryland.  
The Neys – Prayers for cousin Kay and friends Shirley and Skip who have RSV virus. | Also for Aunt Cheryl for good test results.  
Marilyn Snyder – Continued prayers for Patti, Bridget, and Emilie.  
Maryellen Reinmiller – Prayers for those battling cancer. | Prayers for families mourning the passing of loved ones at this time of the year.  
Michelle Johnson – Prayers for Harry- severe back pain- prayers for healing, and wisdom for his doctors.  
Madeline Brown – Prayers for Awakening.

This Week at LUMC		
Sun 1/7	9 AM 10 AM	<i>John Wesley Covenant Communion</i> Worship (Online and Sanctuary) Children's Sunday School (A 205) Adult Bible Study Classes
Mon 1/8	12 PM 7 PM	NA Meeting (Hecker Room) Finance (Conference Room)
Tue 1/9	10 AM 11 AM 12 PM 11 AM 3 PM 7:30 PM	Visitation Funeral Marjorie Kropp Light Luncheon (Stringer Hall) CCT Meeting (Conference Room) Taking Down of the Greens # 1 NA Meeting (Hecker Room)
Thu 1/11	2 PM 6:45 PM 7 PM	Taking Down the Greens # 2 Chancel Choir NA Meeting (Hecker Room)
Fri 1/12		<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
Sat 1/13	2 PM	Taking Down the Greens # 3

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 4<sup>th</sup> Street
2. Mail to church address
3. on Realm
4. Text LansdaleFirstUMC to 73256

Lay Readers

Jan 7 – Verna Colliver  
Jan 14 – Alex Holnick  
Jan 21 – Paul Bonner  
Jan 28 – Luann Ingram  
Feb 4 – Michele Dasch

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 Esau Collins– Church Council Chair Darren Johnson – Treasurer Wayne Wylie – 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

January 7, 2024

9 AM

*John Wesley Covenant Communion*



Message

*Children of the Day*

*Matthew 25:14-30*

Our Mission

*Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All*

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

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