

Order of Worship		
9:00 a.m. Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service		
(*Please stand if you are able.)		
Prelude	Speak O Lord	Getty
Greetings & Announcements		Luann Ingram
* Call to Worship		Verna Colliver
L: Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.		
P: The One who fashioned us in our mother’s womb calls us this day.		
L: Lead us, O God, and we will follow.		
P: The One acquainted with all our ways leads us into life.		
L: Bless us, Spirit of wisdom and truth, and guide us home.		
P: The One who hems us in, from behind and before, is a lamp to our feet.		
L: Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.		
*Song	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	CH 11
(Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn)		
Opening Prayer		Verna Colliver
Before you formed us in our mother’s womb, you knew us completely. Before a word is on our lips, you perceive it. You hem us in, before and behind. You call us as your own and lay your hand upon us. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is so high we cannot attain it. Even when we fail, Holy One, call us anew, that we might hear your voice and respond with expectation and joy: “Here I am.” Amen.		
New Testament Reading	Colossians 2:6-23	Verna Colliver
Choral Anthem	Prayer for the New Year	Whitworth
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 Human Relations Offering today, there are collection plates located in the aisles.		
Song	Like A River Glorious	CH 737
*Doxology		UMH 95
*Offering Prayer		
Gospel Lesson	Mark 7:1-23	
Sermon	On Tradition and the Difference Between Being Godly and Being Religious	Alex Holnick
*Song	O Spirit of the Living God	UMH 539
*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

Church Workday

There will be a church workday tomorrow, MLK Jr. Day, January 15, 2024 from 8 AM to 12 PM.

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

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.

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!

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

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) with corrections or revisions. You can also drop off or mail changes and revisions to the church office.



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

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.



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 beef and bean 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.



Joys and Concerns from 1/7/2024

- Geri Hare – Prayers for Dan, son of Eva Yard, who suffered a seizure this past week.
- Angela Buckley – Please pray for my grandmother, Doris, who is recovering from pneumonia.
- Prayers for Jen Seidel, stage 4 colon cancer treatment- she is Dottie Eckert’s extended family.
- Joan Johnson – Continued prayers for Joe Millman. Succes for procedure on Wednesday.
- Marilyn Snyder – Continued prayers for Emilie (maybe coming home soon), Patti, and Bridget.
- Madeline Brown – Prayers for Awakening. | Silent prayer request.
- Maryellen Reinmiller – Prayers for the Stemler’s who have Covid.
- Prayers for Carol Hardisty Hayden and Jeanette Hardisty Massero whose mother passed away Wednesday evening in Connecticut.
- Michelle Johnson – Prayers for Vicki- continued healing from brain tumors, battling COVID and seizures, completing immunotherapy.
- Prayers for Pastor Stew- vacation and retirement.



Prayer Chain

Janet Harper is coordinating the LUMC Prayer Chain. You can email harperjanetk6@gmail.com 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 1/14	9 AM 10 AM	<i>Laity Sunday</i> Worship (Online and Sanctuary) Children’s Sunday School (A 205) Adult Bible Study Classes
Mon 1/15	8 AM- 12 PM 9:30 AM 12 PM 7 PM	<i>MLK Day</i> Church Workday UMWF Meeting NA Meeting (Hecker Room) Finance (Conference Room)
Tue 1/16	7:30 PM 7:30 PM	<i>NPSD Elections</i> Polling in Stringer Hall NA Meeting (Hecker Room) Union (GCC/IBT DC9) (New Horizons A206)
Wed 1/17	7 PM	NPASFA (Conference Room)
Thu 1/18	6:45 PM 7 PM 7:30 PM	Chancel Choir NA Meeting (Hecker Room) Union (GCC/IBT DC9) (New Horizons A206)
Fri 1/19		<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

Jan 14 – Verna Colliver
Jan 21 – Paul Bonner
Jan 28 – Alex Holnick
Feb 4 – Michele Dasch
Feb 11 – Michelle Johnson

Ushers

Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper

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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Leadership Paul Bonner – Lay Leader Esau Collins– Church Council Chair Darren Johnson – Treasurer Wayne Wylie – 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

January 14, 2024
9 AM

Laity Sunday



Message

*On Tradition and the Difference
Between Being Godly and
Being Religious*

Mark 7:1-23

Our Mission

Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All

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

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