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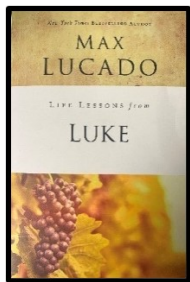
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Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All

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Live streamed Worship Sunday mornings at 9 AM Facebook or YouTube



Lenten Sermon Series and Small Groups

Pastor Warner is preaching on the gospel of Luke during Lent. He is using Max Lucado's book "Luke" as a springboard for a six-week sermon series. You can purchase the book

from Amazon or most other online bookstores. Luke seeks to recount Jesus' life and teachings. You are invited to purchase the book and invite some of your friends and family to join you in a small group to walk through the book of Luke. Pastor Warner is offering a challenge for at least three people to start a small group in your home, at a coffee shop, at the church or some other place. Invite family, friends, co-workers, or other people to join you in walking through this exciting story of the life of Jesus. Groups can be anywhere from 2-10 people in size. Tell Pastor Warner if you are leading a group so we can keep track of groups that are being offered.



Order Your Easter Flowers

Forms are available for you to order your Easter flowers for Easter Sunday March 31. These flowers will be used to decorate the Sanctuary

for our Easter Sunday service. Please return your order form along with your check no later than March 24. Forms are available at the name tag table.

Holy Thursday Tenebrae and Communion

The Tenebrae, service has a long established tradition. Tenebrae means "Shadows." We will share in Holy Communion, and then relive the last hours of Jesus's life. Service is Thursday, March 28th at 7 PM.

Easter Sunday

Come celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ from the dead. The Choir and Brass Band will lead us in our time of celebration of the new life God offers us through Jesus Christ.



New Pastor Announcement

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Rev. Marleah Doyle will be our new pastor as of July 1, 2024. For the past 6.5

years, Pastor Marleah has served as Pastor of Family Ministry in Wescosville where she has developed and led growing programs for children, youth, and young families. She has led special events, youth retreats, and mission trips. She also encourages opportunities for inter generational ministry.

Pastor Marleah's previous work experiences include service as a licensed behavioral specialist consultant, an autism behavioral specialist, and a behavioral health director. Pastor Marleah describes her spiritual gifts as administration, discernment/ wisdom, and preaching.

Pastor Marleah and her husband, Wayne, have 5 children ranging in ages from 8-24. She enjoys kayaking and camping. She also likes ice cream, particularly cheesecake flavors. Please keep Pastor Marleah, Wayne, and their family in your prayers.



Note from the Pastor

People have always shopped but how and where they shop constantly changes. There have been numerous stories about the decline of malls and department stores. I remember

seeing an article with pictures of abandoned malls that were falling apart and covered with vegetation. JC Penney and Sears used to be a staple of American society and now they are symbols of a time that used to be. And just recently news reports have come out about Macy's closing 150 stores. That's about 1/3 of all their stores.

Is Macy's closing stores because people no longer shop? No, people continue to shop but they now shop differently and in different places. Department stores are struggling to keep pace with big box retailers and online shopping. People can often find one stop shopping where they can get every thing they're looking for either at the big box stores or by shopping online. I've been amazed lately that I can order an item online and receive it on my doorstep the next day. No crowds, I don't have to drive somewhere, no standing in line at a cash register, no automated machines to mess around with, I simply click a few buttons on my computer and the product arrives the next day.

I wonder if church is similar to what's happening with malls and department stores. I don't think people have stopped seeking God and cultivating their spiritual lives and relationships with others. But the way people do this has changed. And the change isn't recent.

Abraham, the father of the Jews, Christians, and Muslims, didn't attend a synagogue, church or mosque. He and his family worshipped God at home. The Hebrew people who were freed from slavery in Egypt worshipped God via a portable Tabernacle that could be assembled and disassembled as they traveled through the wilderness. King David and his son Solomon built a temple in Jerusalem where people could come and worship God. The Babylonians destroyed the temple in Jerusalem and took people into exile outside their home country. So the people developed local synagogues where people could worship, hear the scriptures, and grow in their faith. The early Christian church didn't have a build or a temple. So people

gathered in homes to pray, read scripture, and have fellowship. The church began to construct buildings and cathedrals over the years where Christians have worshipped God. There are modern day Christians who have made the conscience decision to not have a building as they return to worshipping in homes or in mission sites.

There is a lot of talk today about the thousands of churches of many different denominations that close each year. Our own United Methodist EPA conference has closed churches almost every year recently. People talk about how to save the church. Kind of like people talk about saving department stores and malls. People still have a spiritual hunger for God even today. And every generation finds and develops ways to help connect God with people.

Jesus didn't use a building to connect with people. Jesus developed relationships with people. Jesus traveled from town to town to reach and connect with people. Jesus' focus was on helping people build a vital relationship with God and with each other.

This isn't the same world it was 50, 100, or even 1,000 years ago. Yet God continues to reach out and connect with us even while times change. Let's remember this Lent and Easter season the message of God's grace in Jesus Christ transforming us and the world even in the midst of new challenges and opportunities.

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Administrative Assistant Announcement

Hello everyone, I am happy to be back in your nice and beautiful Church. I look forward to being your Administrative Assistant, again!

Karima Saddiq.



Church Directory

The 2024 Church Directory is available for pick up on the small table next to the name tag table. Please take one copy per family. Thank you all for your input and patience during this process.

Summer Camp Registration "Help" Class

Pastor Warner will meet with families on March 3, at 10:15 AM after worship to provide help with navigating websites and registering for camp.

Christian Education

Greetings Families!

We invite all children to attend Jr. Church and Sunday School. JR Church meets at 9:15 AM each Sunday. The children attend the first 15 minutes or so of church and then accompany Miss Liz to the Jr. Church Room (A103/ Bright Beginnings Room). Sunday School meets upstairs in the Sunday School room right across from the stairs (A205). Sunday School starts at 10:15 AM and ends at 11:00 AM. Please come and join us- join the fun! If you would like more information, please contact Liz Bonner.

Liz Bonner, Director of Christian Education

(215) 353-0965

lumceducation@verizon.net

Mark Your Calendars!

We have some fun events for children coming up this spring and summer. Come on out and join us! Invite family, friends and neighbors to partake in some fun and to celebrate Jesus' love!

Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast

We will be having a Children's Easter Egg hunt and breakfast again this year. It will be taking place on Saturday, March 30, 2024. The breakfast will begin at 9:00 AM in Stringer Hall and the indoor Easter Egg hunt will begin at 10:00 AM. Last year, we broke up into different age groups to ensure everyone had a chance to find eggs. Please invite friends, family and neighbors to this fun event here is the online registration form <https://forms.gle/qmHCZm9mRSxkYmmp7> All are welcome! Email Liz Bonner (lumceducation@verizon.net) if you can help.

2024 Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be starting a bit later this year- but we are so excited to be starting on Monday, July 22 and continuing through Thursday, July 25. There will be a light supper served in Stringer Hall from 6 PM to 6:30 PM and then VBS will run from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Come on out and join us for the fun! If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS please contact Liz Bonner.



Christian Summer Camps

Spring Activities for Children, Youth & Adults!

Pocono Plateau Camp and Retreat Center

"There's no winter hibernation for Pocono Plateau, whose 750 acres will be bustling with retreats. Spring begins March 19, and Pocono Plateau will be ready to host an Easter Family Retreat March 22-24, featuring the stations of the cross, an Easter egg hunt, crafts, games and Palm Sunday worship, all in the peace and sacredness of the camp's mountaintop. A Spring Day Camp will follow March 28 and April 1; then the Confirmation Retreat April 19-21; and finally, the fun, fascinating and fearless annual Father & Son Dangerous Retreat April 26 - 28. "

Gretna Glen Camp and Retreat Center

Gretna Glen will continue its traditional, monthly Free Youth Event Sundays. The next one is and March 17, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. They invite youth to come enjoy the outdoors (and indoors if necessary) for play, worship and fellowship, joining together as part of a larger church community.

"Gretna Glen is excited to partner with you and your youth ministry," says camp director Apryl Miller. "Our Free Youth Events are designed to give youth groups of all sizes a large-group worship experience. Plus, games, outdoor fun, interesting speakers, interactive worship and a snack will be provided by the Gretna Glen team." Be sure to let them know you're coming by contacting guestservices@gretnaglen.org. And the 24-hour Children's Spring Blast retreat March 22-23 will gather 6-to-12 year-olds to enjoy brisk, spring time weather, music, games, food, Christian nurture and memorable experiences as children of God.



Innabah Camp and Retreat Center

Innabah's 10th annual [Spring Challenge Trail 5k race](#) happens April 6, a perfect time to run, walk, romp and hike around its scenic, rolling hills and dales, alongside French Creek. Start the day with the popular pancake and bacon breakfast and the race.

Then stay to enjoy the free Spring Fest, which runs from 11:30 AM to 2 PM and includes an Easter egg hunt, where over 6,000 eggs will be hidden.

We break everyone into groups so each person has a chance to find some eggs! *Age Groups include: 2 and under, 3-5, 6-9, 10-12, 13-17, 18-25, 26-49, and 50 and over!*

The following activities will be available! Cooking hot dogs & s'mores over a camp fire, Sling Shot Range Wagon Rides, Tours, Hammocks, Ping Pong & More! *(The event is FREE and no registration is necessary. This event is also, rain or shine.*



Missions

March Mission Emphasis

The Mission Emphasis for March will support UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing.) UMCOR lives out signs of Christ's extravagant grace in the world by prayerfully working with communities that are overwhelmed by natural or man-made disasters. UMCOR builds on the strengths of what is already available in a community and actively involves the people affected in recovery efforts. One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own – and through our connection UMCOR has been doing this for 80 years.

- By mobilizing trained volunteers who are already living in the community, purchasing emergency supplies and food from local merchants and channeling funds through trusted partners who are already on the ground, UMCOR is uniquely positioned to respond quickly after a disaster and to remain invested in rebuilding, even after these needs are no longer in the news. Recovery is a long-process for individuals and communities. UMCOR also works with communities to train leaders to address infrastructure concerns, climate change and environmental degradation.
- The special offering received on UMCOR Sunday helps support the small but impactful UMCOR staffs who are specialists in disaster response and recovery. Funds also ensure adequate training for emergency response coordinators, construction volunteers, and case managers who assist victims of disasters, chain saw gangs and sheetrock installers.

[https://www.resourceumc.org/-/media/umc-media/2023/01/31/13/31/2023 UMCOR Sunday Bulletin Insert Overview](https://www.resourceumc.org/-/media/umc-media/2023/01/31/13/31/2023%20UMCOR%20Sunday%20Bulletin%20Insert%20Overview.pdf)



Help Build Hope

2024 Multi-Church Servants

At Work mission will be

held April 5,6,7, 2024. We

will build a duplex house frame in the parking lot of Bethel Hill. Yes, you read that right! A HOUSE! In the church parking lot! **HELP BUILD HOPE** is an organization that will coordinate along with our SAW team leaders to provide training, tools, and transportation of a basic frame structure that will be delivered to a location in Reading PA where teams working through Habitat for Humanity Berks County will reassemble the house and complete the building project for needy, deserving families.

YOU CAN BE A PART OF THIS EXCITING MISSION EVENT.³⁷ He (Jesus) said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

Matthew 9:37-38

- ✓ All lumber and supplies will be provided by our SAW team fund raisers, local donations and the generosity of members and friends of local congregations.
- ✓ Bring your own water bottle and hammer (if you have a favorite)
- ✓ Friday late afternoon is "Cut, Mark and Carry Session"- approximately 2 hours 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- ✓ Saturday is **"Build Day"**- approximately 7 hours – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- ✓ Sunday is Consecration Service followed by "Disassemble and Load Up Day"- approximately 2 hour – Service 10:00 AM – Load up after
- ✓ Saturday Breakfast will be provided by Bethel Hill Methodist Men.
- ✓ Lunch provided by Sanctuary UMC
- ✓ Families are encouraged to include children of any age on Saturday for the build day. All ages welcome. No building skills needed. There are many ways to assist. All monetary donations may be made payable to Bethel Hill with SAW in the memo line. Have questions? Contact the church office – 610-584-5936 or bethelhill@verizon.net



Summer Camps for Children & Youth

Our Eastern PA Conference for the UMC offers three Christian Camps to reach and serve children, youth, and adults. Summer camp registration is now open. Visit one of the websites below to learn about the many camps that we offer. You can also register online. LUMC will contribute \$50 per person for any child or youth from LUMC that attends one of the camps. Contact Pastor Warner to take advantage of this \$50 gift.

- Camp Innabah www.innabah.org
- Gretna Glen www.gretnaglen.org
- Pocono Plateau www.poconoplateau.org
- Carson Simpson Farm www.csfarm.org



WAWA Coupons

Looking for an easy gift idea that never expires and is loved by everyone? Wawa coupons are your answer. LUMC's own UWF 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.

Redner's Receipts

United Women in Faith is still collecting Redner's receipts which are tallied and submitted to Redner's. In return we receive 1% of our totals by check. This is one of our "fund-raisers", which we use to donate monies to local/international mission organizations. You must use your Redner's Store Card when you shop and turn in the whole receipt by putting it in the "phone booth" near the stairs to the sanctuary. Thank you all for participating. Contact Marilyn Snyder at 215-393-5583, with any questions.

Nursery Attendant Search

We are continuing to look for a second person to staff the Infant/Toddler nursery. Contact the church office for an application

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated soup for the Souper Bowl collection to help provide food for families here in Lansdale. You donated 171 cans of soup which were delivered to Manna this past week.

Lent | Easter Altar Display

This Lenten display will be added to as Lent progresses. Each item has been chosen to help visualize Jesus' journey to the cross. We invite you to take a moment before or after the service to silently observe the items on the table and to meditate on what Jesus has done so that we may be free. This is a list of some of the items which will be on view.

- *Blue swirl pitcher from Israel representing expensive perfume and the alabaster jar used to anoint Jesus body before his death.*
- *Branches in various vases to represent wilderness.*
- *Purple fabric flowing out of vases to represent his body being poured out as a sacrifice for our sins.*
- *Stones to represent a pathway to the cross*
- *Olive branch representing the Garden of Gethsemane*
- *Large nail and Crown of Thorns to represent crucifixion.*
- *Rooster, to represent Peter's denial of Jesus.*
- *Small wooden fish shaped bowl, made from olive wood, to represent the disciples mission to become fishers of men*
- *Chalice made from olive wood, represents the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples.*



Thank you to Marilyn Snyder, and Maryellen Reinmiller for putting together this beautiful Lenten Display.

Conference and District News

East District News

<https://www.epaumc.org/east-district/ea-district-e-alerts/>

EPA Conference News

<https://www.epaumc.org/news/>

Next Newsletter

The next Circuit Rider newsletter will come out for April. Please send your articles to the church office by March 20, 2024.

Ways to Give

1. Mail slot on 4th Street
2. Mail to church address
3. www.lansdaleumc.org/giving on Realm
4. Text LansdaleFirstUMC to 73256

	Liturgists	Ushers
March		
3	Luann Ingram	Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Ed Hartmann
10	Alex Holnick	Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper
17	Paul Bonner	Geri Hare, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Maryellen Reinmiller
24	Michele Dasch	Barry McGuire, Neil Hagenbuch, Alan Dickel
31	Michelle Johnson	Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Ed Hartmann
April		
7	Liz Bonner	Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Ed Hartmann
14	Verna Colliver	Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper
21	Luann Ingram	Geri Hare, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Maryellen Reinmiller
28	Paul Bonner	Barry McGuire, Neil Hagenbuch, Alan Dickel

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