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Lansdale United Methodist Church, 300 N. Broad St. Lansdale, PA 19446

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Live streamed Worship Sunday mornings at 9 AM Facebook or YouTube

2-part Laity Academy to Begin

'Creation, Evolution and Intelligent Design'

Eastern PA Laity will get another double portion of the conference's annual Laity Academy in 2024—a biannual pairing that has succeeded in drawing participants since late 2021, when online and onsite courses were offered as the Covid-19 pandemic began to wane.

This 40th year of EPA's Laity Academy—with two onsite sessions in April and August—will draw inspiration from Hebrews 10:24-25—"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

The first 2024 session will be a one day, in-person course April 27, titled "Creation, Evolution and Intelligent Design." Cornwells United Methodist Church in Bensalem will host it in its chapel from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. "It is open to anyone who wishes to understand more about these timely topics from a Methodist perspective," said new Laity Academy Dean Brenda Binns. Registration is limited and will be available in mid-March.

"The subject of origins remains an ongoing source of high interest, discussion and inquiry," reads the course description. "The topic has far-reaching implications and has led to many questions about the science of evolution, the Genesis Creation stories, and the genetic lineage of Homo sapiens.

The course instructor, Steve Myers, is a retired teacher who has taught biology and related courses for 40 years. He has led classes and discussions on these topics for groups ranging from high school teachers to church



members. At Cornwells UMC Myers is a Lay Leader, adult Sunday School teacher, prayer coordinator, and liturgist, who is also involved music and missions. "The class will explore a fundamental question: 'What do we know today that Charles Darwin, in the mid 1800's, did not yet understand?'" reads the description. "While a number of scientific laws and theories will be addressed, there is no need for an advanced degree to understand the many concepts that Myers presents in questioning if the increase in scientific knowledge has strengthened or weakened the data base underlying evolutionary theory.

"The biblical record of origins will then be examined. Although references to God's role as the Author of Creation are found in both the Old and New Testaments, there will be a specific emphasis in the second portion of the class on Jesus' perspective about Creation.

"This class was first offered at the August 2023 Laity Academy and proved to be one of the most well-regarded, with Steve Myers receiving high marks for his presentation, his thought-provoking questions, and the resources and reference materials he shared that enabled class participants to consider and discuss highly sensitive yet timely topics."

The course costs \$30 fee, which covers instructional materials, a light breakfast and lunch, and other expenses.



Note from the Pastor

What's your story? I was driving one day and watching the cars on the road and wondering what each driver or passenger's story was. Some people are excited about life and others

struggling with life challenges. Sometimes when I'm driving through a neighborhood I look at all the homes and I wonder what their personal stories are. We all have a story to tell and each of our stories are unique.

The sermons from the past few weeks have been from the Gospel of Luke in the Bible. Luke seeks to tell the story of Jesus and his disciples. Luke makes a special effort to be detailed and as accurate as he can be. Luke's gospel is fairly long as incorporates stories about Jesus, the disciples, people who interacted with Jesus, and even numerous stories about the enemies and foes of Jesus and how they plotted to undermine, destroy, and eventually have Jesus killed. Many of the Epistles in the New Testament are letters written by the Apostle Paul to Christians in churches. And many, if not most, of those churches were facing conflict and relationship challenges.

We have a Bible because people have passed on the stories of Christians from the past. These stories are more than just successes. They also include the failures and problems in the church. The Bible is not a Polyanna type of book that only boasts about the good things. We find both successes and failures in its pages.

The greatest story for us is the story about the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. And even this story comes after Jesus horrific death on the cross. God took the ugliness of the cross and defeat and transformed it into the resurrection of Jesus and new life. All this is good news for us today. It is a reminder that God cares about real people facing the realities of the mountains and valleys of daily living. Sometimes life is hard. Sometimes relationships are hard. Sometimes work is hard. And yet, through it all, we are not alone. God is

with us. God is bringing new life, and new hope through the hope we have in the resurrected Jesus the Christ. May this resurrection day be more than just one day a year for you. May every day be resurrection day, new hope, new life, day for you.

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Housing Homeless Families

LUMC has housed homeless families for a month in 2022 and 2023. We have worked with Family Promise who has coordinated and organized this outreach. Both Family Promise and LUMC are entering 2024 with new leadership. That means we are looking for both existing and new people to help us provide this outreach to homeless families this September. Pastor Warner is inviting you to join him and leadership from Family Promise on Tuesday, April 30 at 7 pm to talk and learn about plans for providing housing here at LUMC in September. Anyone who is interested or contemplating helping should come to this meeting to learn more and to see how you can help. Please email Pastor Warner stewwarner@outlook.com to let him know if you'll be attending on April 30th.

Infant and Children Baptism in May

Pastor Warner will be offering the Sacrament of Christian Baptism on Mother's Day, May 12. Anyone interested in having your child should setup a meeting with Pastor Warner to talk about the mean of Baptism and so he can get the necessary information for the service and certificate.



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The second part of the 2024 Laity Academy will happen August 2-3 at Eastern University's Palmer Theological Seminar in St. David's. Courses will be announced and open for registration by May 21, in time for Annual Conference.

Questions? Contact:

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Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm Preaching April 14

The Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm will be preaching here at LUMC on Sunday, April 14 while Pastor Warner is at Confirmation Camp with confirmand, Lexie, and her mom, Becky. Rev. Taylor-Storm is the Director of EPA Connectional Ministries and the Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership Development. She is also the clergy lead for the EPA General Conference delegation. Dawn will be preaching and then staying for a question and answer time following worship. She is available to ask questions about UM disaffiliations, General Conference, EPA, and other questions you may have. We'd like to provide questions to her ahead of time. Please email your questions to Verna Colliver (vmcolliver@gmail.com) on or before April 10 so we can share the questions with Rev. Taylor-Storm.)



Native American Ministries Sunday

EPA Conference Committee on Native American Ministries (CoNAM) invites you to their Spring Program at Camp Innabah on April 14, 2024, to hear Nathan Solorio (Anishinabe) share his experiences as a UNITY Representative. He recently traveled to Washington D. C. to participate in the National Congress of American Indians Youth Summit.

UNITY is a national network organization promoting personal development, citizenship, and leadership among Native American Youth.

Nathan is a junior in CAOLA High School, West Shore School District, Camp Hill, PA.

To make a donation to this Special Sunday Offering, you may use your designated offering envelope, a check payable to LUMC with Native American Ministries in the memo line or donate at onrealm.org.

For more information, contact Verna Colliver (vmcolliver@gmail.com).



Christian Education

Note From Christian Ed Director

Christ is risen- Christ is risen indeed! I love that call and response that we say every Easter. It's so reassuring hearing everyone say it out loud together! Easter is such a wonderful celebration of Jesus' resurrection and promise. We can see this evident in nature. Easter is when the flowers start blooming, birds are returning, and the world seems to be coming back to life.

The church celebrated Easter with the community with the 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast on the Saturday before Easter. We had a full house, with over 70 children and 100 adults! There was a yummy breakfast, followed by a reading of the Easter story, and then an Egg hunt. The Easter bunny also made a surprise visit to the joy of the children. A huge thank you to all the volunteers, and those who donated candy and eggs. It was such a fun morning, and hopefully a tradition for years to come.

In Jr. Church and Sunday School the children have been studying the final week in the life of Jesus. He came to Jerusalem as a king and hero, and by the end of the week, he was crucified. It's crazy what can happen in 1 week! Going into April, we will be continuing with this study, and the children will learn about who he appeared to after he rose again, and how he sent the Holy Spirit to be our helper, after he ascended into heaven.

We invite children to join us on Sunday mornings. Jr church is during the service, 9:15. (Children are dismissed from the service). We meet in the Bright Beginnings room near the parking lot entrance. Sunday school meets upstairs, from 10:10-11:00.

For more info, please contact: Liz Bonner Bonner, Director of Christian Education

Email: lumceducation@verizon.net

Phone: (215) 353-0965



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!



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 light supper served in Stringer Hall from 6PM 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.



Easter Egg Hunt And Breakfast



Camp Firelight VBS!!!



July 22-25, 2024

6:00-8:00

Light Supper Provided

Spread the word! Everyone is welcome! Tell your friends, neighbors and loved ones! Volunteers needed!

Decorating and Planning

Fun nights:

Wed. evenings 7:00 p.m: 6/12, 6/19, and 7/ 10, 7/17
(Stringer Auditorium)

For More info: contact Liz Bonner (215) 353-0965

lumceducation@verizon.net

Register for VBS online:

Register online:

<https://lansdale-united-methodist-church.mycokesburyvbs.com>

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.*



2024 Student Scholarships

All members of Lansdale UMC who are attending college for the 2024-2025 school year are eligible to apply for the following Scholarships:

- Stevenson Scholarship- Awarded to any student
- Slyh Scholarship - Student pursuing a Nursing Degree
- Roth Scholarship - Student pursuing a Degree in Ministry
- Ruthrauff Scholarship - Student pursuing a Degree in Architecture Applications should be completed and emailed by May 20, 2024.

Click the following link [Scholarships](#) to access the Scholarships Application.

Please contact john@lansdaleumc.org with any questions.





Every drop counts. Donate blood.



Blood Drive

Lansdale United Methodist Church

Monday April 29th, 2024
1:00PM – 6:00PM

Lansdale UMC
300 N. Broad Street
Lansdale, PA 19446

Sign up at redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code:

LUMC

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1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Missions

April Mission Emphasis

The Blue Envelope for April will support United Methodist Camps. LUMC has had relationships with Camp Innabah and Pocono Plateau, we will designate the money for those two camps.

Pocono Plateau Camp and Retreat is year-round Christian camp and retreat center located on 750 acres with two lakes in the beautiful Pocono Mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania. Pocono Plateau offers many different summer camps for children and retreat options for people of all ages.

Innabah Camp and Retreat Center, located in Spring City, Chester County, creates opportunities for people of all ages to explore their faith in a beautiful setting, build friendships, and enjoy the whole camp experience on a 149-acre property. Camp Innabah facilities and resources serve a wide variety of groups and individuals. This includes overnight camps, day camps for children, and retreat options for people of all ages

These are great facilities that offer important programs for our youth and adults. Operating these camps is a financial challenge. They would appreciate any support that we can offer.

The Website links are below.

<https://www.innabah.org/>

<https://www.poconoplateau.org/>



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. 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 afternoon is “Cut, Mark & Carry Session”- approx. 2 hours 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

✓ Saturday is “Build Day”- approx.. 7 hours – 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

✓ Sunday is Consecration Service followed by “Disassemble and Load Up Day”-

approximately 2 hour – Service 10:00 AM – Write a message & Load up after.

✓ Saturday Breakfast will be provided by Bethel Hill Methodist Men.

✓ Lunch provided by Sanctuary UMC.

✓ T-shirts are available for purchase.

✓ 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 UMC with SAW in the memo line.





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BUILDING COMMUNITIES
BUILDING HOMES



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](http://www.innabah.org)
- [Gretna Glen www.gretnaglen.org](http://www.gretnaglen.org)
- [Pocono Plateau www.poconoplateau.org](http://www.poconoplateau.org)
- [Carson Simpson Farm www.csfarm.org](http://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



Conference and District News

East District News

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

EPA Conference News

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

Next Newsletter

The next Circuit Rider newsletter will come out for May. Please send your articles to the church office by April 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
April		
7	<i>Liz Bonner</i>	<i>Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Ed Hartmann, Gary Silknitter</i>
14	<i>Verna Colliver</i>	<i>Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper</i>
21	<i>Luann Ingram</i>	<i>Geri Hare, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Maryellen Reinmiller</i>
28	<i>Paul Bonner</i>	<i>Barry Mc Guire, Neil Hagenbuch, Alan Dickel</i>
May		
5	<i>Alex Holnick</i>	<i>Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Ed Hartmann, Gary Silknitter</i>
12	<i>Michele Dasch</i>	<i>Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper</i>
19	<i>Michelle Johnson</i>	<i>Geri Hare, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Maryellen Reinmiller</i>
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