



Circuit Rider

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Who we are as a United Methodist Church

By the time you read this, the General Conference will be over and our Annual Conference delegates will be heading to Wildwood, NJ, for the yearly session of our EPA Annual Conference which will run from Tuesday, May 21 to Thursday, May 23.

What is the General Conference?

The General Conference, the primary legislative body of The United Methodist Church, is the only body that speaks officially for the church Meeting once every four years to determine legislation affecting connectional matters, it is composed of no fewer than 600 and no more than 1,000 delegates.

Working within the boundaries of the Church Constitution and General rules, the General Conference defines and fixes the conditions, privileges, and duties of church membership; the powers and duties of elders, deacons, diaconal ministers and local pastors; and the powers and duties of annual conferences, missionary conferences, charge conferences, and congregational meetings. It authorizes the organization, promotion and administrative work of the church. The General Conference also defines the powers and duties of the episcopacy; authorizes the official hymnal and book of worship, provides a judicial system and procedures, initiates and directs all connectional enterprises of the church and enacts other legislation for the operation of the church.

Watch this 4-minute video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2MLEFn3b8M>

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Photo Of Eastern PA Delegates To General Conference 2024





Note from the Pastor

Transformation isn't a dirty word. God is constantly working with and within us to bring about transformation. We experience transformation in many places. Electrical grids

have transformers to boost the electrical signals to reach homes further away. Batteries transform chemicals into energy that we use to power all kinds of gadgets and electronics in our lives. Transforming is a process of changing chemicals into energy.

Transformation also happens in nature and is maybe most evident in the process of a caterpillar transforming into a butterfly as is illustrated in this picture. Caterpillars are often seen as destructive nuisances that eat leaves on trees and other plants. Butterflies are often admired for their beauty. But every butterfly was once an ugly caterpillar.

Imagine God's transformation process for us. Many of us don't want to be transformed. We often view transformation as a sign that we aren't good enough or that something is wrong with us. What would be different if we understood transformation as a natural process in both our physical, mental, and spiritual lives? What if we welcomed transformation rather than run from it?

The sermons through May and the first part of June will be exploring God's transforming process in our lives. We'll look at various scriptures and Bible characters to understand the in's and out's of how God works to help us grow in faith. We'll recognize that transformation almost never is easy or smooth. Transformation often involves letting go, pain that comes with growth and dealing with failure, and often times changing directions. Yet, the joys and benefits of transformation are numerous. After all Jesus transformed death on the cross into the resurrection and new life. Remember, God wants to bring new life transformation into each of our lives.

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Housing Homeless Families

A small group of persons met with Family Promise at the end of April to discuss housing homeless people here at LUMC for the third year in September. There was a lot of discussion and a desire to be supportive and helpful. The group has decided to offer to help another church rather than house families here at LUMC. Please contact Pastor Warner or the church office if God is inviting you to be part of a time to provide meals to homeless families in September. We'll need to wait to see what church we will be paired up with.

Infant and Children Baptism in May

Pastor Warner will be offering the Sacrament of Christian Baptism on Mother's Day, May 12. We already have six children signed up to be baptized. Anyone else 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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What is the Annual Conference?

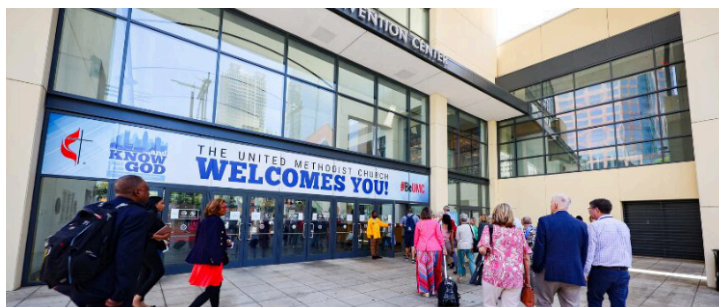
The annual conference is a geographical region* (comprising districts), an organizational body (made up of elected lay and clergy members), and a yearly meeting. Annual conferences approve programming and budget, elect delegates to General and Jurisdictional conferences, and examine and recommend candidates for ministry. The annual conference is composed of clergy and lay members elected by each charge, diaconal ministers, conference presidents of United Women of Faith and United Methodist Men, conference and district lay leaders and presidents of young adult and youth organizations.

Visit the website to see more: <https://www.epaumc.org/our-conference/>

Continue in prayer for our worldwide church, for our Annual Conference delegates in the upcoming sessions, and for our local churches as we find our way forward to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Verna Colliver, Lay Member of EPA Annual Conference

Eastern PA Annual Conference region comprises the counties of: Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia and parts of Columbia, Luzerne, Northumberland and Schuylkill counties.



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

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.



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

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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.



Missions

May 2024 Missions Emphasis (Blue Envelope)

The missions emphasis May will support Vacation Bible School (VBS). VBS has had a long history at LUMC. As in the past two years VBS will be held in the in the evening to accommodate those with work or other commitments during the day.

There are expenses to offering a Vacation Bible School program to Church members as well as to the community. Program materials are purchased, as well as some supplies. This year a light dinner will be offered for the convenience of those who may not have time to eat before VBS. Funding for VBS has come from the operating budget in the past. Money raised by donations designated through the missions emphasis will reduce the need to use general funds for this program.

You may donate using the Blue Missions Envelope (if you use envelopes), using a Yellow envelope found in the pews, or electronically. Please make sure to designate your donation as VBS.

Help Build Hope

In April a group of volunteers gathered at Bethel Hill UMC to build wall framing for two houses. The photo below shows a mostly completed house in the Reading area that used the wall framing we build last year. Over 40 people helped on a Friday evening to cut, label, and organize lumber. Over 100 people helped on Saturday to build the wall panels and temporarily assemble the first floor of one house in the parking lot. Jim and Geri Hare, their grandchildren Connor and Cieran, Maryellen and Mark Reinmiller, Lance Patterson, Gary Silknitter, and Noel Fisher participated. Thanks to everyone for their support and help.!



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 June. Please send your articles to the church office by May 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
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>
26	<i>Liz Bonner</i>	<i>Barry Mc Guire, Neil Hagenbuch, Alan Dickel</i>
June		
2	<i>Luann Ingram</i>	<i>Richard Hardisty, Ed Ingram, Ed Hartmann, Gary Silknitter</i>
9	<i>Alex Holnick</i>	<i>Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper</i>
16	<i>Paul Bonner</i>	<i>Geri Hare, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Maryellen Reinmiller</i>
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