



# *Circuit Rider*

February 2025

**Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All**

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### **A Note From the Pastor**

You can check out the weather on Groundhog Day. You can ask someone to be your Valentine. You can listen to the State of the Union Address. You can celebrate Black History Month. You can choose to take a trip over President's Day weekend. You can make an appointment with your doctor for a heart check up in the American Heart Month. You can come hang out at our Open Gym night and help construct various kits with the kids. February is a busy month, especially with it being the shortest month.

We are busy people. We are a busy church community. As we prepare to enter Lent on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> with our Ash Wednesday service, I want to encourage you to slow down, engage in some of the rest we learned about in the January sermon series, and focus on what Jesus did and is doing for you. Ask Him to reveal Himself to you in new ways. Bask in the love He has for you. He invites you to be His Valentine. As we travel through 1, 2, & 3<sup>rd</sup> John together in our current sermon series, we are learning about His amazing love for us and how we are to show that love to one another.

It doesn't matter what the groundhog says the weather will be. He controls the weather. The State of the Union is in His care. He has given power to each president over our history, but He still has the ultimate power. Our heart health is in His hands. We are in His loving care! How might God be asking you to share His love with others this month? God bless your February!

***Pastor Marleah***



**Praising God**

**Lent and Easter Services:**

All services are designed to guide us through this foundational season of our faith, helping us understand the history, theology, and emotions of each day. All events will be family friendly with activities for the children that will help them understand as well as equip the parents for deeper conversations at home.

**Tentative Schedule:**

- March 5: Ash Wednesday  
First Baptist Pastor Ragwan
- March 12: Lansdale UMC Pastor Eric
- March 19: First Baptist Pastor Marleah
- March 26: Lansdale UMC Pastor James
- April 2: First Baptist Pastor Marleah
- April 9: Lansdale UMC Pastor Max

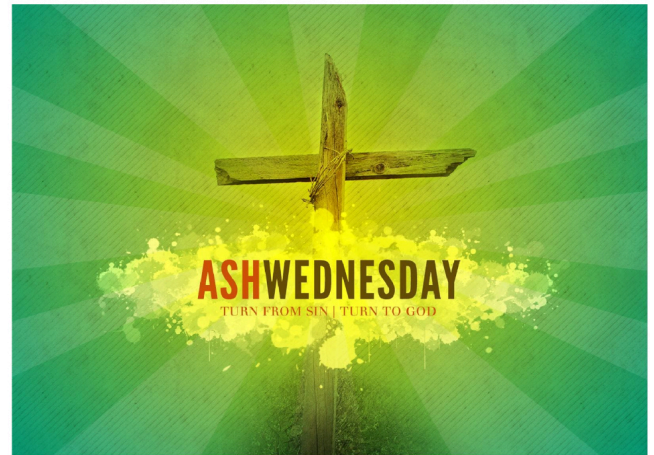
**Ash Wednesday Service**

Wednesday, March 5, 7:00PM, Sanctuary  
This service begins the season of Lent, in which we grieve and repent of our sins and prepare our hearts for the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Maundy Thursday Service:**

**Passover Seder Meal**

Thursday, April 17, 7:00 PM, Stringer  
We will celebrate the Passover meal, which God instructed the Israelites to celebrate each year after the exodus from Egypt. This is the meal Jesus was celebrating with His disciples at the Last Supper.



## Good Friday Service

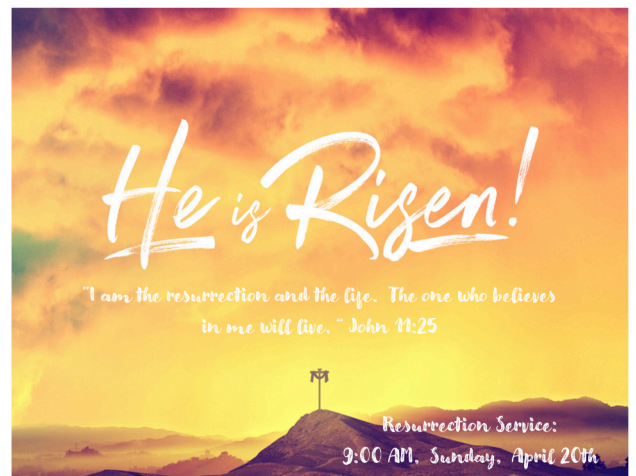
Friday, April 18, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

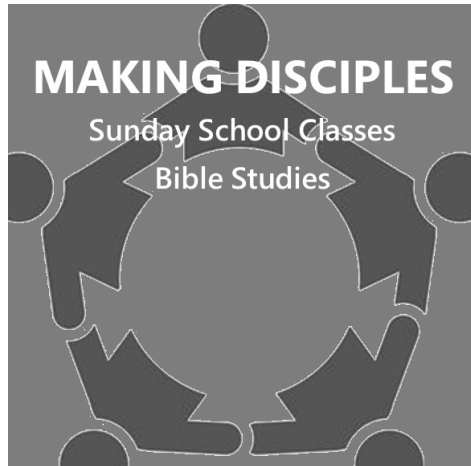
We will experience the last statements Christ made on the cross and grieve His death on our behalf.

## Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, April 20, 9:00 AM, Sanctuary

Let's celebrate the greatest event in all of history, the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life.





**Making Disciples**

**Sunday School Classes  
10:30-11:30 AM each Sunday**

Children’s Sunday School: 3yrs-4th grade	A 201	Liz Bonner
Youth Sunday School: 5th-12th grade	A 200	Pastor Marleah
Upper Room Adult Sunday School	A 207	Darren Johnson
New Horizons Adult Sunday School	A 206	Warren Shaedle
Wesleyan Adult Sunday School	Library	Verna Colliver

**Soul Sisters (UMW)**

women’s ministry here at Lansdale, invite all women (regardless of age) to participate in the activities, events, and programs. This group typically meets at 12 noon in the conference room of the church. Please bring a bag lunch and enjoy fellowship and a devotional. The upcoming Soul Sisters meeting is on February 17th, 2025, at 12:00 PM.

**Upcoming Special Events:**

**Sight and Sound:**

Would you be interested in going as a group to see Sight and Sound’s next performance? Group will car pool down and have lunch at Shady Maple. If so, please contact Maryellen Reinmiller. (February/March)





**Serving Locally**

**American Red Cross Blood Drives**

Every drop counts donate blood.

- Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Monday Jul 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Monday Sep 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Monday Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM



**Upcoming Special Events**

**Saturday May 3, 2025:**

The Pride of Erin”, an Irish dance troupe which our own Lexi dances with, will provide a demonstration and share the history and background of the dances.. 11:00 A.M. in Stringer Hall.

**Open Gym Night**

We are in need of additional chaperones. Snack supply donations would also be appreciated.

**Upcoming Open Gym Nights:**

February 21, 2025

March 14, 2025

**April \*\*\* Holy Week No Open Gym**

May 16, 2025

June 20, 2025

July 18, 2025

August 15, 2025

September 19, 2025

October 17, 2025

November 21, 2025



**Church Cleanup Day**

8:00 AM-12:00 PM

We will have a dumpster here to discard old & unused items from the building. Following the March 14th Open Gym Night, items to be discarded should be placed in Turner as we prepare for the dumpster’s arrival. Thank you for loving this church building by helping keep it ready for the ministries God has and will call us to.

# Missions



## Serving Globally

### February Mission Emphasis:

The mission emphasis for February supports The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

With the many natural disasters taking place over the past year that created much destruction and affected the lives of many people, it is hard to keep them all in mind. There were hurricanes in the southeast, numerous tornados over a large portion of the country, and most recently large wildfires out west.

Below is one example of how the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference responds to these events:

In the wake of the devastating impact of Hurricane Helene, an Early Response Team (ERT) from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and the Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church has mobilized to offer assistance in Northern Georgia. This dedicated team of 11 volunteers, led by Rev. Cricket Denton, the Disaster Response Coordinator for the Greater New Jersey Conference, arrived ready to provide vital aid and relief to residents grappling with the aftermath of the storm.

Equipped with tools, training, and compassion, the team's primary focus is on debris removal and securing homes damaged by fallen trees, broken fences, and other structural issues left by the hurricane. Their mission is to help

stabilize communities so that recovery and rebuilding efforts can proceed more smoothly.

The United Methodist Church's Early Response Teams are trained to respond swiftly in disaster situations, providing help to individuals and communities in crisis. This deployment is yet another example of the church's commitment to serving others in times of need, bringing comfort and tangible support to those affected by natural disasters.

"Our goal is to be the hands and feet of Christ," Rev. Denton explained. "We're here to help clear the path forward for those whose lives have been disrupted by this storm." The team plans to remain in Northern Georgia through the end of the week, assisting as many households as possible and offering a sense of hope amid the challenges of recovery.

The two conferences will be working together again in January to deploy a second team of Early Responders, which will be led by the Conference Disaster Response Coordinator from EPA, Denise Shelton.

Lansdale United Methodist did not participate in these efforts. If anyone is interested in getting involved in Missions, please contact Mark Reinmiller, or Ed or Barb Hartmann. There are possible mission opportunities this spring and in the future.

However, even if you cannot personally participate in this type of mission work, your prayers or financial contributions would be greatly appreciated and are certainly needed.



### 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.

### February Funnies 😄

What do you call a pig with no legs?

A groundhog.

What did the groundhog say when the wolf grabbed his tale?

That is the end of me.

What do you call a groundhog laundromat?

A Hogwash.

Where do you find love in a grocery store?

Aisle B...there for you.

Did Adam and Eve ever have a date?

No, they had an apple.

Why shouldn't you fall in love with a pastry chef?

He'll dessert you.

What's Cupid's favorite band?

Kiss



## 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 March. Please send your articles to the church office by February 20, 2025.

## Ways to Give

1. Mail slot on 4th Street
2. Mail to church address
3. [www.lansdaleumc.org/giving](http://www.lansdaleumc.org/giving) on Realm
4. Text LansdaleFirstUMC to 73256

	<b>Liturgists</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<i>Feb</i>		
<i>9</i>	<i>Michele Dasch</i>	<i>Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper</i>
<i>16</i>	<i>Michelle Johnson</i>	<i>Geri Hare, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Maryellen Reinmiller</i>
<i>23</i>	<i>Liz Bonner</i>	<i>Barry Mc Guire, Neil Hagenbuch, Alan Dickel</i>
<i>Mar</i>		
<i>2</i>	<i>Luann Ingram</i>	<i>Ed Ingram, Ed Hartmann, Gary Silknitter</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>Alex Holnick</i>	<i>Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper</i>
<i>16</i>	<i>Paul Bonner</i>	<i>Geri Hare, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Maryellen Reinmiller</i>
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