



Circuit Rider

March 2025

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A Note From the Pastor

March 2025

Hopefully you are beginning to see signs of spring. The days are slowly getting longer, the sound of birds is more prevalent, and we've had a few days that didn't require the heavy winter coat. Signs of spring are all around us, but we will still have cold days. We may have more snow showers. The birds of summer haven't arrived at our bird feeders yet. We see hints, but we know that the time to pack away the heavy sweaters and winter coats is still off in the future.

I think it's very meaningful that we celebrate Lent and Easter in the spring. Lent is the six week period leading up to Holy Week and Easter. Lent is a time of repentance, a time of seeing glimpses of what is coming, but not seeing fully. Each week, we move a little closer, see a little more clearly, the event that has shaped all of human history.

As we move through spring, we see glimpses of the beautiful weather ahead, but we are also typically experiencing the rain, mud, and dreariness of spring. This is so true of our human condition as well. We live in the "now" and the "not yet" of eternity. We see glimpses of what eternity will be like. We see glimpses of God around us. But we don't see fully.

"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known." 1 Corinthians 13:12

The season of spring is vital to our environment. We need the slowly changing temperatures. We need the rains. We need the mud. Not only does the earth need it, we grow in our appreciation for the warmer weather and the sun-filled days by living through the dreary ones. The same is also true for Easter. We can't fully appreciate the joy of Easter if we haven't also walked through the season of lamenting our own sinfulness, our own need for a savior, the hope that is yet fulfilled.

I hope you will join in the Lenten services and the services on Holy Week as a way to prepare for the celebration of the Resurrection. We will arise on Easter morning rejoicing, knowing that our salvation is secure.

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: North Wales Baptist / Pastor Cleris
- March 26: Lansdale UMC / Pastor James
- April 2: First Baptist / Pastor Marleah
- April 9: North Wales Baptist / Pastor Max

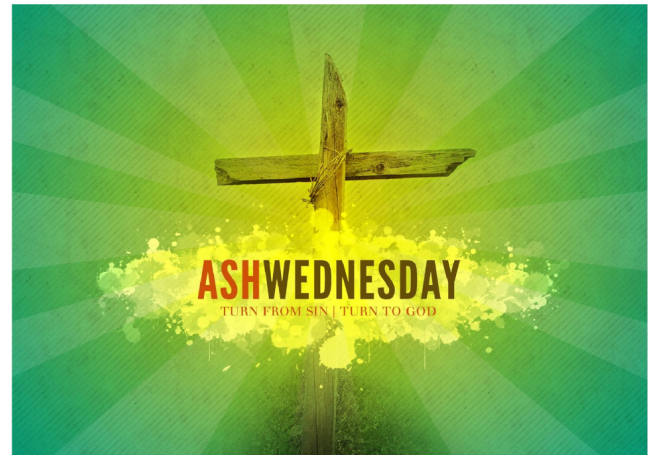
Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 5, 7:00PM, First Baptism
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.

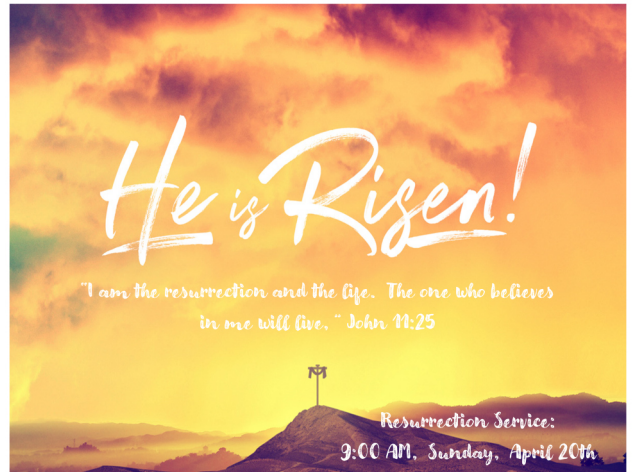
Resurrection Sunday

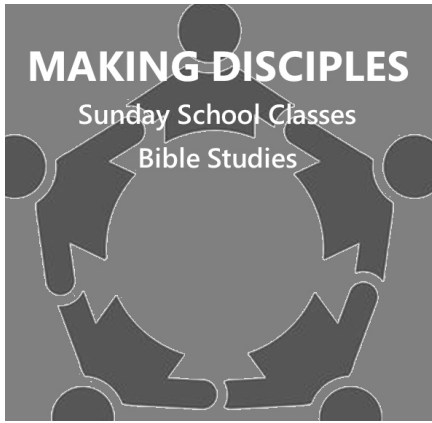
Sunday, April 20, 9:00 AM, Sanctuary

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.

Ash Wednesday Choir

We will be celebrating Ash Wednesday together with First Baptist of Lansdale. If you would like to participate in the combined Ash Wednesday choir, please email janet.gross@fbcl.com or text her at 267.664.2725. Rehearsals will be Thursdays at 10:30am and/or 6:30-7:45pm at First Baptist.





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 Monday March 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 28th, 2025
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Monday Jul 7th, 2025
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Monday Sep 8th, 2025
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Monday Nov 17th, 2025
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Women's Brunch

Saturday, May 3, 2025 11 am

Lansdale 's United Women of Faith will be sponsoring a Women Brunch! Bring your daughters, nieces, and friends to this wonderful event. Enjoy an assortment of delicious breakfast foods and learn about the tradition of Irish dancing. The Pride of Erin dance group will be performing! There is no charge for this event. We are asking instead that

Open Gym Night

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

Upcoming Open Gym Nights:

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

Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt

Easter breakfast & egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 19th 9:00am to 12:00pm. Collection bins are located in the Narthex for candy donations. Please donate candy which is individually wrapped and small enough to fit in plastic eggs. We would also appreciate donations of plastic eggs. Thank you!

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

March Mission Emphasis:

The March Missions Emphasis 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://umcmmission.org/umcor_sunday/

March is Women's History Month.

Women have long shaped the history of Methodism, beginning with Susanna Wesley, the mother of Methodism's founders. Across the centuries, women have been vital to the denomination's growth as leaders, teachers, missionaries and organizers.

Learn more about women's role in Methodism:

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/timeline-of-women-in-methodism>



Bishop Joaquina F. Nhanala, Bishop Ruby-Nell M. Estrella, and Bishop Rosemarie Wenner (Left to Right)

Other News

Church Council Meetings

All Council meetings are open to the congregation. Please feel welcome attending these meetings and stay up to date with all that is happening here.

2025 Dates (all meetings at 7pm):

- April 14
- June 16
- August 11
- October 13
- December 8





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.

March Funnies 😄

Where do leprechauns hang out?
On the paddy-o

What did the Irish potato say to his sweetheart?
I only have eyes for you.

Why are the Irish so efficient?
They get to the meat and potatoes of a matter.

What do you call a bad Irish dance?
A jig mistake.

How does a leprechaun say farewell?
Irish you well!

Why should you never iron a four-leaf clover?
You don't want to press your luck.

Knock knock.
Who's there?
Clover.

Clover who?
Clover here, and I'll
tell you.

Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?
Because real rocks are too heavy.

How are good friends like four-leaf clovers?
They're hard to find.

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

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
<i>Mar</i>		
<i>2</i>	<i>Luann Ingram</i>	<i>Edward Ingram, Edward 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>
<i>23</i>	<i>Michele Dasch</i>	<i>Barry Mc Guire, Neil Hagenbuch, Alan Dickel</i>
<i>30</i>	<i>Michelle Johnson</i>	<i>Edward Ingram, Edward Hartmann, Gary Silknitter</i>
<i>Apr</i>		
<i>6</i>	<i>Liz Bonner</i>	<i>Ed Ingram, Ed Hartmann, Gary Silknitter</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>Verna Colliver</i>	<i>Jim Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Don Dietterich, Todd Harper</i>
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