



Circuit Rider

April 2025

Praising God • Making Disciples • Serving All

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

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April's Note From the Pastor

Easter is nearly here! As we have journeyed through Lent together, it has been so impactful to join three other congregations for the Lenten services and develop relationships and community beyond our own. I hope you have been as blessed as I have to have participated in these services.

But what is Lent and why do we observe it?

Lent is a liturgical tradition, six weeks or 40 days (excluding Sundays) designed to help prepare us for Holy Week and the celebration of the Resurrection. Why 40 days? 40 is a common number found in the Bible. Moses spent 40 days on the mountain with God (Exodus 24:18), the Hebrews wandered in the wilderness for 40 years (Numbers 14:33), Jesus was in the wilderness, being tempted by Satan, for 40 days (Luke 4:1-12), and Jesus is believed to have spent 40 hours in the tomb.

Lent is often associated with a time of fasting, which can take many forms. Some fast from all animal products; others, fish and/or poultry are allowed. Some eat only bread. Some fast for a full day or until mid-afternoon. One purpose of fasting is to spend more time in prayer and acts of charity to the community.

It is important to not fast for the sake of checking something off a list. Remember, Jesus taught, "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." (Matthew 6:16-18)

Lent should be seen as a time of truly yearning to appreciate the abundant grace of Christ's saving work on the cross. We remind ourselves of our need for His sacrifice and our willingness to submit to His authority. As we recognize these needs in our life, the celebration of Easter brings increased and renewed joy and amazement.

May this Easter we each experience the joy and abundance of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection!

Pastor Marleah



Praising God

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

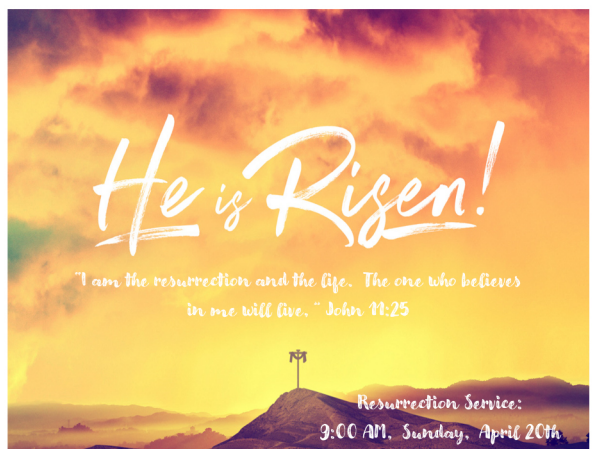
Friday, April 18, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

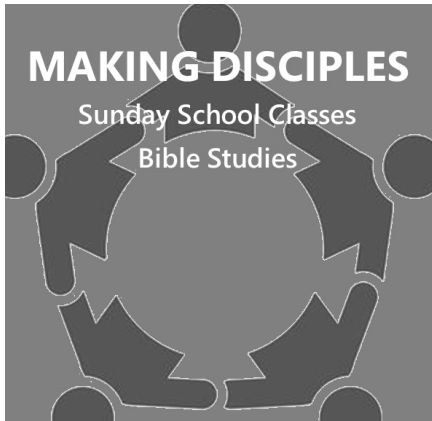
We will experience the last statements Christ made on the cross and grieve His death on our behalf.

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 Monday April 28th, 2025, at 12:00 PM.

New & Exciting!!!

Beginning Sunday, April 13th, you will receive an email inviting you to RightNow Media, the world's largest library of video-driven Bible study resources. Through this subscription, you will receive free access to thousands of inspirational videos for Christian small groups, men, women, young adults, teens, and children.

This resource is a gift to you for your personal Bible study as well as for use in our Sunday Schools for all ages. You will receive an email on Sunday, April 13th from RightNow Media to sign in and start your account.

It is my prayer that this amazing tool will help us all grow spiritually, individually and as groups. If you need help setting up your account, I will be glad to help you. There is also an app for your phone so that you can have these tools in the palm of your hand.

It is my prayer that you will develop greater intimacy with God and each other as you grow closer to Jesus. Through our relationship with Jesus, we each will make an impact for the Kingdom of God. As a church family, the impact of ministry for those we have been called to serve will produce fruit we can't even imagine.

I'm excited for us all to grow deeper together as we welcome others to join us on the journey as well.



RightNow MEDIA



Serving Locally

American Red Cross Blood Drives

Every drop counts donate blood.

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

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!

LUMC Scholarship

All members of Lansdale UMC who are attending college for the 2025-2026 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 18, 2025.

Click the following link <https://lansdaleumc.org/2021-scholarships/> to access the Scholarships Application. Please contact john@lansdaleumc.org with any questions.

Missions



Serving Globally

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/>



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.

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 Apr 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>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>
<i>20</i>	<i>Luann Ingram</i>	<i>Geri Hare, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Maryellen Reinmiller</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>Paul Bonner</i>	<i>Barry Mc Guire, Neil Hagenbuch, Alan Dickel</i>
<i>May</i>		
<i>4</i>	<i>Alex Holnick</i>	<i>Edward Ingram, Edward Hartmann, Gary Silknitter.</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>Michele Dasch</i>	<i>Jim Dietterich, Don Dietterich, Warren Shaedle, Todd Harper</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>Michelle Johnson</i>	<i>Geri Hare, Michele Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Maryellen Reinmiller</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>Liz Bonner</i>	<i>Barry Mc Guire, Neil Hagenbuch, Alan Dickel</i>

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Servants	
Ministers - People of God	
Bishop Cynthia Moore-KoiKoi	
District Superintendent – Rev. Dr. Andrew L. Foster III	
<p>Lead Pastor – Rev. Marleah Doyle Pastormarleah@lansdaleumc.org – 610-295-2885 (cell)</p>	
<p>Leadership Paul Bonner- Lay Leader Esau Collins- Church Council Chair Darren Johnson- Treasurer Wayne Wylie- Trustee President Michelle Johnson- Staff Parish Relations Chair</p>	<p>Staff Karima Saddiq - Administrative Assistant Liz Bonner - Director of Christian Education Ruth Rineer - Organist Paul Bonner- Custodian Donna Fritz- Nursery Attendant</p>

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Ed Ingram	Verna Colliver
John Dasch	Luann Ingram
Kris Nield	Darren Johnson
Bob Kennedy	Todd Harper
Mark Reinmiller	Paul Bonner
Wayne Doyle	

Finance	Nominations
Darren Johnson	Pastor Marleah (Head of Nominations)
Warren Shaedle (Treasurer)	Paul Bonner (Lay Leader)
John Dasch (Trustees)	Luann Ingram
Esau Collins	Doris Shaedle

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Geri Hare
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Pastor Marleah

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please speak to the head of that committee. Elections will be held at our next charge conference in November.