

# CIRCUIT RIDER



DECEMBER 2025

LANSDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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## PRAISING GOD

GIFT EXCHANGE  
HANGING OF THE GREENS  
CHRISTMAS CAROLING  
BREAKFAST BUDDIES  
CHRISTMAS POEM  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

## MAKING DISCIPLES

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH EVENTS  
OPEN GYM NIGHT  
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS LIST

## SERVING LOCALLY

ST. JOHN'S UMC  
BLOOD DRIVE

## SERVING GLOBALLY

REDNER'S

WORSHIP SUNDAY  
MORNINGS AT 9 AM

LIVE STREAMED  
ON FACEBOOK  
OR YOUTUBE



REMEMBER OUR BIBLE  
VERSE GOD GAVE US AT  
THE BEGINNING OF THE  
YEAR?

### JEREMIAH 29:11

“FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I  
HAVE FOR YOU,”  
DECLARES THE LORD,  
“PLANS TO PROSPER YOU  
AND NOT TO HARM YOU,  
PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE  
AND A FUTURE.”

WE ARE WITNESSING  
GOD’S PLANS FOR US AND  
THEY ARE PLANS TO  
PROSPER US, PLANS TO  
GIVE US A HOPE AND A  
FUTURE! PRAISE GOD!



## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

PASTOR MARLEAH

As we near the end of another year, we take time to reflect on what God has done throughout 2025. It has been a busy year at LUMC. We have worked hard at cleaning and improving the building to better welcome visitors, which we’ve begun to receive. PRAISE GOD! It is very exciting to welcome new people in and see them experience God’s presence here as well.

It has been exciting to watch God transform our hearts as well. As we continue to hear the Word of God in worship, Sunday Schools, and ministries, we are witnessing changed hearts. Hearts that yearn to be closer to God, showing His love and mercy to our neighbors, and seeking to obedient to His teachings.

As I consider New Year’s Resolutions, I feel a desire to develop small groups within the church. Groups of people who are meeting regularly to study, encourage, and celebrate one another. Our Women’s Ministry (Soul Sisters) does this so beautifully, but it would be wonderful to have a men’s group and family groups as well. I am always seeking to learn and better equip myself as well. For this reason, in January I will begin taking classes to become an Ordained Elder. I would appreciate your prayers as I move through the classes, which should take 3-5 years to complete.

I pray this Christmas season is a wonderful time of peace, presence with God and time with family for each of us.  
Merry Christmas!



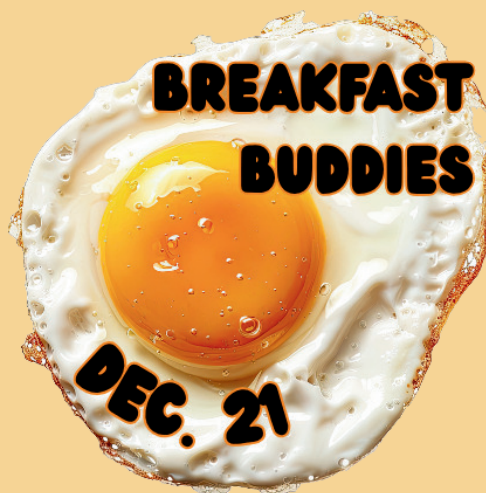


Week 1: Despair For Hope  
Week 2: Anxiety For Peace  
Week 3: Sorrow For Joy  
Week 4: Fear For Love  
Week 5: Darkness For Light  
Week 6: Meaninglessness For Purpose

THERE WILL BE A DAILY SCRIPTURE READING  
OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVENT. EACH PERSON  
WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A BOOKMARK WITH  
THE SCRIPTURE!



Jan 4: Hearing Other Voices  
(Mark 10:46-52)  
Jan 11: Sisters Are Doing it for Themselves  
(Numbers 27:1-11)  
Jan 18: R.E.S.P.E.C.T. The Stranger  
(Deuteronomy 10:14-22)  
Jan 25: Diverse People, One Vision  
(Revelation 7:9-17)



Morningside House of Towamencin  
will be providing breakfast for us  
during our fellowship time. Grab a  
plate and a buddy and enjoy!





# Christmas Caroling

## Dec. 14

Join us in singing carols!

Soup will be provided after Sunday School.

There will be two carpool groups.

Hot chocolate and fellowship after!







# *Christmas Eve Services*

*December 24, 2025*

*4:00 PM & 7:00 PM*

*Both services will be candle light & family friendly.*



**A CATERED MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED  
TO THOSE SERVING AT BOTH SERVICES  
AT 5:15 IN STRINGER**



Christmas can never come too early.  
We need not pass Thanksgiving,  
We sometimes decorate in October,  
Because the bells of Christmas are always ringing.

How can we bring Christmas too soon,  
When Christ and Christmas are always in our heart?  
So whenever you choose to start Christmas,  
It's never too early to start!

- **ELLEN PATTERSON**

Thank you, Ellen  
for the gift of  
your prose!



# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Women in Faith meets  
**every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 12 PM**  
in the conference room.

Please bring a lunch to  
enjoy as we engage in  
activities to grow closer to  
one another and God!



## OPEN GYM NIGHTS

November 21, 2025

December 19, 2025

January 16, 2025

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



Luann Ingram has graciously agreed  
to host our annual Christmas get  
together. Her address is  
**102 Stream Court, Chalfont.**  
Carpools can be arranged.  
**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**12 PM**



calling all kids,  
teens, and young  
adults for fun, fun  
and more fun!



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 2025-2026



### WESLEYAN CLASS - LUMC LIBRARY

**Parables and Lessons in the Gospel of Luke:** The Wesleyan class meets in the LUMC Library with comfortable seating and discussions based on the Sunday Lectionary Readings in Luke. All are welcome to join!



### NEW HORIZONS - ROOM A206 (UPSTAIRS)

New Horizons Adult Sunday School class is a discussion format group using video and other media materials as a basis for our discussions. Our discussion topics vary and include the history of the creation of favorite hymns, study series from various authors and sources and seasonal topics appropriate throughout the church year. Everyone is welcome to visit / join the class which meets in room A206 following the fellowship time. Talk to Warren Shaedle for more information!



### UPPER ROOM - ROOM A207 (UPSTAIRS)

Join us to talk through God's Word and get to know the group! Right after church and fellowship!

The Upper Room class will start the year by finishing the series "Through the Eyes of a Lion" by Levi Lusko. It's a video series that chronicles the loss of his five-year-old daughter and how it affected their family and deepened their faith.

Talk to Darren Johnson for more information!





# ST. JOHN'S UMC

St. John UMC, Bridgeton, NJ, is designated as an Historic Native American Methodist Church, the only church with such designation in the state of New Jersey and is the fifth oldest Native American Methodist Church in the nation. It is the home church to many members of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation. The church building has been described as a “place of meeting for tribal affairs when none were available or allowed and a place of ministry to help the spiritual and physical needs of those in need.”

St. John UMC is grateful for financial support of their programs and the people of the community. Visitors are warmly welcomed.

A brief history of St. John UMC:

## ST. JOHN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (FORDVILLE) FORDVILLE, NEW JERSEY

Methodism came to the Bridgeton area of NJ through itinerant preachers. In 1799 Rev. Michael Swing visited the area. To some he is the "father" of Methodism in this region. In the intervening years, the Old Stone Church in Fairton was a start. Then, the locally known Swing's Meeting House. Under Rev. Reuben Cuff, a meetinghouse in Gouldtown. Various other buildings served as school, meeting house, or church for local Methodist societies. Rev. Peter Schureman dedicated the Lummis School, moved from Gouldtown, renaming it Ebenezer. However in 1841 the church split as a group, including founding members Jacob Pierce, Adrian Pierce, Freeman Pierce, Hosea Pierce and the families and followers who sought another path, an ethnic path to maintain their ethnic, native roots.

It took a while but with God's help this group built their first building, a one-room log cabin, which served both as schoolhouse and meetinghouse; named The Piercetown School and Meetinghouse.



# ST. JOHN'S UMC

In 1861 the church began plans to build a church which became St. John Methodist Episcopal Church, incorporated in 1863 as the Methodist Episcopal Church of Fordville. It was finally dedicated in 1865.

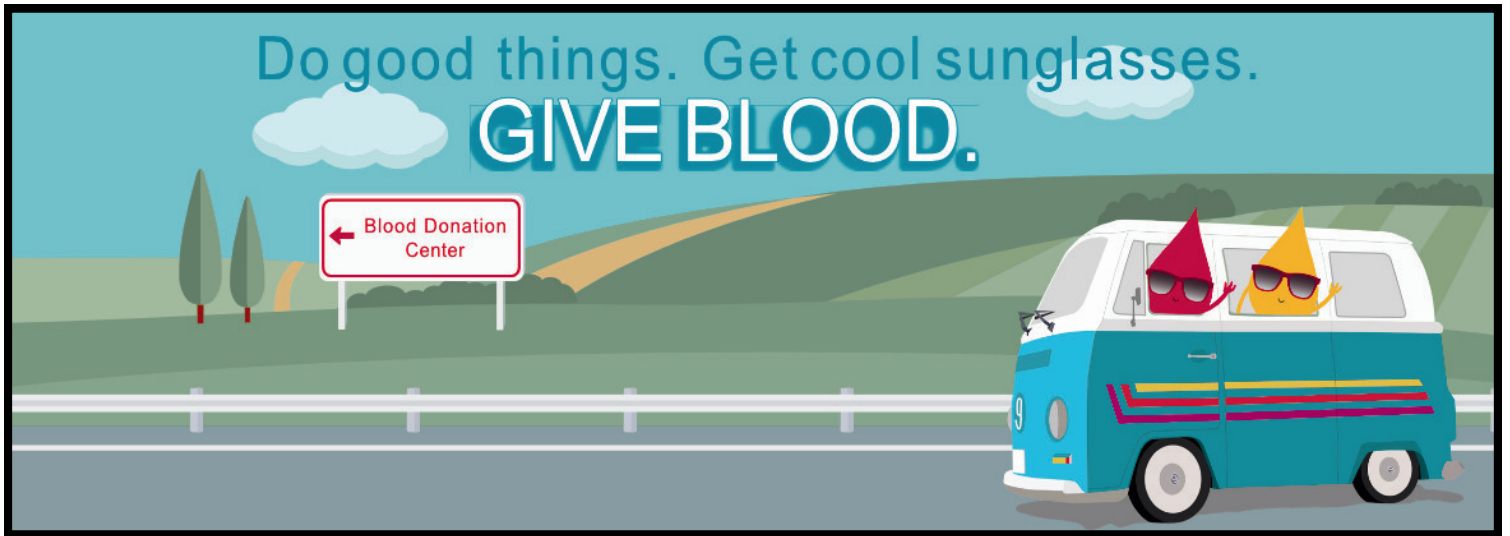
Much of the history is lost, except in some oral form. One thing certain, St. John was strongly connected to a remnant of the Lenni Lenape Community (also known as Tribe) in the Delaware Bay region. The building served as meeting house and school when no other was available to the Tribe. Improvements and additions were made in the ensuing years. Then in 2001 a small fire in the parish hall--a quickly contained fire--revealed major and extensive structural deterioration. The building was condemned and torn down. In May 2013 a new all purpose building was dedicated.

Native American heritage permeates the weekly service of worship. From prayers, to songs, to the youth drumming and dancing during a worship, the heritage is present. On the fifth Sunday worship is described as "total immersion." St. John is a welcoming and diverse church to compliment this Lenni Lenape heritage.

Over the years many trials and tribulations were met with the power of faith. A lawsuit emanating from the split, economic hardship, isolation as a native American congregation, death of a pastor (Rev. Richard Wilson while preaching), and in 1938 categorized as African-American and transferred to the Central Jurisdiction, Delaware Conference. Yet faith saw them through to this day.







**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**

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**1 - 6 PM**

Monday, Jan. 12  
Monday, April 27  
Monday, July 6





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# Redner's

## WAREHOUSE MARKETS

*Serving Our Local Communities Since 1970*

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-E-ALERTS/](https://www.epaumc.org/east-district/ea-district-e-alerts/)

EPA CONFERENCE NEWS:

[HTTPS://WWW.EPAUMC.ORG/NEWS/](https://www.epaumc.org/news/)

## NEXT NEWSLETTER

THE NEXT CIRCUIT RIDER NEWSLETTER IS IN THE WORKS FOR DECEMBER! PLEASE SEND YOUR ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY NOVEMBER **20, 2025**.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

We are looking for additional committee members. If you would like to serve on a committee, please contact Paul Bonner or Pastor Marleah. Specifically, we need members for SPPRC (Staff, Pastor, Parish Relations Committee) and Nominations.

Jan.	Liturgist	Ushers
4	Liz Bonner	Ed Ingram, Ed Hartmann, Gary Silknitter
11	Verna Colliver	Warren Shaedle, Todd Harper, Wayne Doyle, Sabah Furniturwala
18	Luann Ingram	Geri Hare, Michelle Dasch, Cathy Kennedy, Kathy Herbert
25	Paul Bonner	Barry McGuire, Neil Hagenbuch, Alan Dickel

### NARRATIVE BUDGET 2026

The Narrative Budget is available digitally on the website, and physical copies will be available in the conference room!

### 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

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