



The Circuit Rider

A monthly newsletter of Lansdale United Methodist Church
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“MISSIONS IN THE KITCHEN”

Pork BBQ Sandwich Luncheon
Date: Sunday, Sept 28, 2016
Place: Stringer Auditorium
Time: After traditional & praise services
& Sunday School
Take-out or eat-in
By donation only
Proceeds will aid adult mission trip
volunteers from LUMC with trip expenses &
some material costs for homeowners.

CAMP INNABAH

A Fun Day for Runners, families, & children.

Location: 712 Pughtown Rd, Spring City, PA 19475

Date: Saturday, Oct 8, 2016

A hilly, trail romp on dirt & gravel roads above French Creek in Chester Co. The walk is noncompetitive 2 mile loop on Grass trails & gravel roads.

Times: 8:30a: 5-Mile Trail Run/
Family

Family

2 Mile Run Walk

11a- 3p: Fall Open House

Includes tours, hayrides, camp activities,
s'mores, food, & other activities.

Price: \$30 (\$35 day of run) Regis. 7:30a – 8:15a
Includes a pancake breakfast & awards for trail
run.

Register online: (<https://runsignup.com/Race/SpringCity/CampinnabahFallClassic5Mile>)
PA/

T-shirts to those pre-registered

1.3-Mile Human Chain and Walk to North Penn Commons

On Sunday, September 18th, Manna's supporters will create a human chain, *standing hand in hand to pass food from our current location at 713 West Main Street to North Penn Commons (NPC) at 606-608 East Main Street.* We will need about 1,575 individuals to **stand with us** to connect our current location to our future home at NPC. As a symbolic move, we will pass cans and boxes of food down the human chain to our new location. Afterwards, folks will have an opportunity to walk together to NPC and enjoy a refreshing Rita's Water Ice and more! Visit <http://mannaonmain.org/manna-on-the-move/> to register

Adult Dine-Around: Please join us for lunch on Thursday, September 1st at 11:30 A.M. at Michael's Restaurant, 709 Bethlehem Pike, Montgomeryville. (Note: This is the Thursday BEFORE Labor day).

Please sign up on the bulletin board across from Stringer Auditorium. If you have never joined us before - here is your opportunity!!! Questions? Need a ride? Please call Marlene Ney at 215-822-8067

The September UMM Monthly Men's Breakfast Meeting will be on Saturday, September 10th at 8:00 A.M. in Stringer Auditorium.

Please come and join us for breakfast, fellowship & devotions

CROP Walk

The 38th Annual North Penn Area CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 9, 1 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. 75% of the funds raised from the walk to go Church World Service; the balance goes to Manna

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WORSHIP SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

September 4th - The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost- Communion Sunday

Scripture Readings: Galatians 2:20

Meditation: "Dying to Self" Pastor Max

Hymns: #64 - Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (Opening)

#2149 - Living for Jesus (Prayer)

#347 - Spirit Song (Preparation)

#620 - One Bread, One Body (Communion)

#553 - And Are We Yet Alive (Closing) #

September 11th - The Sunday Seventeenth after Pentecost - Return to our regular schedule

Scripture Readings: Esther 2: 5-18, Galatians 1: 13-16a

Message: "Prevenient Grace" Deb Neild - Minister of Congregational Care and Outreach
Deacon Candidate

Hymns: #479 - Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Opening)

#2146 - His Eye is On the Sparrow (Prayer)

#2162 - Grace Alone (Preparation)

#462 - 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (Closing)

#Various Praise Choruses - Praise Service

September 18th - The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Romans 3:21-24, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:1-8

Message: "Justifying Grace" Pastor Max

Hymns: #577 - God of Grace and God of Glory (Opening)

#2152 - Change My Heart O God (Prayer)

#367 - He Touched Me (Preparation)

#530 - Are Ye Able (Closing)

#Various Praise Choruses - Praise Service

September 25th - The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: I Thessalonians 5:22-24, Philippians 2:12-13, John 17:15-19

Message: "Sanctifying Grace" Pastor Max

Hymns: #365 - Grace Greater than All Our Sin (Opening)

#2068 - I Love You, Lord (Prayer)

#393 - Spirit of the Living God (Preparation)

#378 - Amazing Grace (Closing)

#Various Praise Choruses - Praise Service

ON SEPTEMBER 11th WE RETURN TO OUR REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS

On Sunday, September 11th we will return to our regular worship schedule. The traditional service will be held at 9:00 A.M. and the praise service will be held at 11:15 A.M. Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:15 A.M. I hope you all had a great summer.

Thanks and God bless. Pastor Max



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER? SIGN UP FOR THE MEMBERSHIP CLASS!

Are you interested in joining our church? If you have been worshipping with us, if you have been enjoying our fellowship, and if you are interested in becoming part of our fellowship and want to join our church membership, please contact the office at 215-855-8364 and sign up the membership class. There will be a meeting on Sunday, September 27th at 10:15 A.M. in the conference room next to the church office. This meeting is to greet those interested in becoming members and to schedule sessions.

Dear Friends,

So far I have shared with you how I came to a personal relationship with Jesus the Christ and how I was called into the Methodist Ministry. I want to share with you something very personal. It's about how Sally and I were blessed with our children. We were married on June 26, 1976 and almost immediately wanted to start a family. Psalm 37:4 tells us, "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." Our desire was to have children. We went on a 9 year struggle to have children. We prayed without ceasing as it is written in I Thessalonians 5:17.

We went through testing, hormones, medication, and surgeries. We had hope, disappointment, hope, discouragement, hope, frustration, hope, anger, hope, disillusionment. Yes, it was a very painful emotional roller coaster ride. Did you ever pray for something for 9 years without an answer? The doctor finally told us to look into adoption. A friend had someone in his church that was pregnant and wanted to give her child up for adoption. Of course we said yes, but a month before her due date, she changed her mind.

We were devastated and that night spent an hour and half on our knees crying to the Lord, Why? Why? Why? I was drained and had no feelings. It was then that God spoke to me and asked, "What's number one in your life?" I replied, "You, Lord." He said, "No, the desire to have children has possessed you!" I immediately told Sally and we laid it at His feet. No more extreme measures, no more having it control us; the desire is given to You Lord. No one knew our situation and desire except for a few close friends.

The very next day, after we gave it all to the Lord, I received a phone call from a fifteen year old in our church whose was pregnant. She said she had to talk to me right away. I thought she wanted to leave the church because certain members were shunting her. I said I could come right over if her mother was home. When I got there, her mom invited me in and said I better sit down.

The girl said that she had a dream last night and that God appeared to her. He told her to ask Sally and me to adopt her child. As you may imagine, I sky-rocked emotionally but came down quickly because of 9 years of disappointed hope. I asked, "How do you know it was God?" She said it was a voice and light, and God said that if we said no, I was still responsible in finding a Christian home and that Sally had to be her coach. So after going to an adoption consultant, a therapist, and an adoption lawyer, we said yes. We wanted to be sure that this child could never be taken away from us.

On September 14, 1985 Christina was born, Sally was the first to hold her, and she came home to us 2 days later. It was one of the greatest joys of our lives. Two and a half years later, while serving Langhorne UMC, we were looking to adopt a second child. We tried open adoption, but 2 weeks before Christmas we were very disappointed and could not continue. So we prayed like we did before Christina's adoption. Sally sensed that it was going to happen exactly the same way through the same biological parents. I thought it was a crazy but God was speaking to her.

I cannot share the details because it is too private but 3 months later we get a letter from the biological grandmother stating that her daughter is pregnant by the same man. It happened 2 weeks before Christmas. The daughter was originally going to keep the child but changed her mind wanting us to adopt her second child. On September 14, 1988, Stephanie was born in the same hospital, Sally once again was the coach, and 3 days later Stephanie came home to us. It was exactly the same as Christina's birth and exactly the way God spoke to Sally although she initially did not recognize God's voice.

By the way the reality of being a dad far exceeds the joy of my dreams. Romans 8:28 came alive, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Two difficult situations, a couple wanting a child and a young teen pregnancy, and God brought about a good. Oh yeah, the girl not only graduated from college but also got her masters. She has three boys and is married to a lawyer. God is good, all the time. Be blessed.

In God's Love,

Pastor Max

Missions and Ministry

Help Needed

Who: Any Person over 18yrs old

What: Child Care

Where: LUMC Nursery

When: Every Sunday Morning

We are asking for your assistance in manning the LUMC Nursery during our Sunday worship services. Due to Safe Sanctuary rules, we must have two (2) adults in the nursery any time there are children there.

9a-10 a Traditional service

10a –11a Sunday school

11a -12:30p Contemporary Service

If you enjoy working with children and are able to volunteer some of your time to this ministry, please sign up for a shift next to the nursery door.

Youth Helpers are needed too!



If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, please call Janet Harper, 215-699-3026. You can also add your request online at www.lansdaleumc.org and through our church Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LansdaleUMC/>. The Facebook page is for a closed group, so you must "join" the group to post requests – and also be blessed to pray for others.

Missions Work Area

The Blue Envelope Mission Emphasis for September is for U.M.C.O.R (United Methodist Committee on Relief) National Disaster Relief. There have been numerous floods, tornadoes, fires, & other natural disasters throughout the USA this year as well as potential hurricanes this Fall. A donation this month will be used to help those affected by the loss or damage of homes & personal belongings and bring them HOPE. Donations to U.M.C.O.R. is used 100% for disaster recovery projects. Administrative expenses come from donations in March to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Carpenter's Calling Mission Team has scheduled a mission trip to Crisfield, MD(about a 4 hr drive down route 13 on the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay) Oct 23 – 29 for some repair work. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Barb or Ed Hartmann A.S.A.P. for the information. Missions will subsidize volunteer expense.

Manna is on the Move!

Mark your calendars for #MannaontheMove!

The date's officially set for Manna's move to North Penn Commons! From September 26-October 2, Manna will shut down all services at 713 West Main Street, and resume operation in our new home at 606-608 East Main Street Monday, October 3. During this week of closure, we'll be moving furniture, files and food, and we'd love your help! Details about specific times and needs will be posted on Manna's website in the coming weeks.

Mark your calendars for February 25, 9

a.m.! Bridges out of Poverty is a unique training program that shifts the way we understand and approach poverty. Participants will explore values, systems, and strategies for addressing poverty as an individual, community member and church. Join us in learning how we can all partner together to end poverty in the North Penn community! Nadja Mummery from Manna on Main Street will come to LUMC and lead us in this valuable training geared towards churches. As a bonus, she will spend time with us brainstorming ways that LUMC can serve our community. All are encouraged to attend.

From the Library

INSTALL NOW

What do you do when you are on your computer, ipad or iphone and you get a message to update a program or application? Do you choose “Not now,” “Remind me later,” or “No thanks”? Or perhaps, if you have a few moments to spare—you opt to choose “Install now” and watch the thin blue line or the bar move ever so slowly to the right.

INSTALL NOW is a good choice. In daily life we often hesitate to make choices or take action for fear of consequences or what the choice may require of us. Many times it is easier to stick with the status quo rather than the unknown. With our electronic devices these choices may not seem monumental or significant. We may hesitate, if ever so slightly, but usually we click “Agree” and go on. Or we may put off a choice by clicking “Not now” and then we forget about it, sometimes until it is too late. Usually, the failure to INSTALL NOW results in little more than a malfunction of a program or loss of access.

But what about choices in our spiritual lives? We may feel moved to act by something we read or hear and then get stymied by the what if’s or simply by inertia. What if it is God speaking to us? If we choose “Not now” or “No, Thanks,” we may find ourselves like some of the Biblical characters who reacted to God’s call in similar ways. Remember Jonah?

Has a sermon spoken to you recently? Have you felt you wanted to search for more and deeper truths to guide you in your personal life? Have you been given an opportunity to witness or serve and opted for “Not now”?

INSTALL NOW! The other choices often result in forgetfulness or lost chances. INSTALL NOW! Look for options on the LUMC Library bulletin board.

Verna Colliver,
LUMC Library

Has the Sunday sermon inspired you? Want to read more on topics you heard from the pulpit? Check the LUMC Library Bulletin Board outside Stringer Auditorium.



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6th Annual Men’s Retreat

Theme: “Adam, Where Art Thou”
Special Guest Speaker: Rich Sparling, adjunct professor at Lancaster Bible College in the iLEAD Sports Ministry Program. He is also the founder and president of BuxMont Torch Ministry, CrossWorld

Date: Nov. 11-13 2016

Location: Camp Innabah
712 PughtownRd, Spring City PA. 19475

Coast :\$100 for the weekend

All Men & Friends are welcome

Contact Ed Hartman 215-896-3399 or
edhart3399@gmail.com

Join us for a weekend of Fellowship, spiritual renewal, fun and service (for Camp Innabah)

Spread the word!

Celebrating Life

Church Directory Updates

Address change
 Jeff and Erika Shaedle
 2185 Deer Lane
 Schwenksville PA 19473

A Word of Thanks

Dear Friends

I want to thank you for the 2 flower arrangements I received when I had my fall. Also, thank you to Maryellen Rienmiller, Stacey Spencer and Sharon Croushore who delivered them. The visits by Debbie and Max were comforting plus the attentive calls and comfort of the church members

Mickey Gerhart

A word of thanks to the congregation for the lovely, large bouquet of flowers delivered by Sharon Croushore. Enjoyed our visit very much.

Ida M. Kitz

We would like to express our thanks to the congregation for the beautiful bouquet of flowers for our 41st Anniversary. We so appreciated your thoughtfulness on our special occasion. We also thank Marilyn Snyder for delivering them to us.

Cliff and Arlene Lukens

Dear Church Family

Thank you for the lovely bouquet of alter flowers that were delivered to my home. I had to have some minor surgery the next day and their beauty was there to welcome me home.

Sincerely Nancy Clarke

Anniversaries

9/2 Justin & Sharon Filafirro...16th
 9/3 Glenn & Eva Yard.....39th
 9/9 Bill & Nancy Mascaro.....38th
 9/13 Nathan & Melissa Ses.....8th
 9/16 Chris & Janice& Metzger....16th
 9/19 George & Andrea Clopp.....7th
 9/21 Doug & Marilyn Rau.....48th
 9/28 David & Denise Gerhart 20th

Birthdays

1	Mary Noll	19	Hannah Uhler
2	Betty Gehringer		Joni Dickel
3	Amanda Ernst		Stephanie Blankenship
	Cathy Kennedy	20	Scott Keffer
	Jordyn Hartmann		Tim Rau
	Rachel Kenick	21	Carol McIntyre
4	Elizabeth Starrett		Erica Schaefer
	Jackson Samo		Isabella Curtis
	jlowitsch		Journey Burroughs
5	Frank Litke Jr.	22	Ashley Gillan
	Liz Bonner		Kaiden Necessary-Myers
6	Bridget Cliver		Carol Kennedy
7	Kylee Hoskinson	23	Nora Murphy
	Steven Dasch		Owen Ranck
8	Keith Reynolds		Gail Egner
	Steve Gillan	24	Sherise Williams
9	Cameron Benchouk		Wayne Jacoby
11	Ava Yard		Janet Zimmer
	Rodger Konyk	25	Katia Edgar
	Sheila Weiss		Gene Varell
13	Bill Mascaro	26	Kyle Sementa
	Cordelia Lorenz		Luke Alvis-Edgar
	Jim Newell		Pat Alderfer
14	Christina Jaouen		Uchechi Nwogwugwu
	Jim Edgar II		Arlene Lukens
15	Leslie Klauger	27	Lauren Williams
16	Emilee Kriebel		Nancy Wilson
	Tom McLaughlin		Randall Stemler
17	Bradley Gallagher		Luann Ingram
	Brent Snyder	28	Deryk David
	Jacob Ingram	29	Kelly Franklin
18	Madison Casillas	30	Patricia Tremper

Homegoing

Olamae Musika passed away on August 1st, 2016

August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9a Traditional Nursery 10a Refreshments & Fellowship 10:30a PRAISE! Contemporary Worship	5 <i>Office Closed</i>	6 11:30a Worship Team Meeting 12:30p Staff Meeting 7p Finance Meeting Praise Team Rehearsal	7	8 7p Chancel Choir	9	10 8a UMM Breakfast
11 9a Traditional Nursery 10a Rally Day 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a PRAISE! Contemporary Worship	12 <i>Circuit Rider Deadline</i> 7p Church Council	13 7pm PRAISE! rehearsal	14 10am NPPOC	15 7pm Chancel Choir	16	17
18 9a Traditional Nursery 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a PRAISE! Contemporary Worship 1pm 1.3 mile human train	19	20 7pm Praise! rehearsal	21	22 7pm Chancel Choir	23	24 9am Rummage Sale
25 9a Traditional Nursery 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a PRAISE! Contemporary Worship	26 6pm Rummage Sale setup	27 Rummage Sale setup 7p Praise Rehearsal	28 Rummage Sale setup	29 Rummage Sale setup 7p Chancel Choir	30	

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Summer Office Hours:

Mon. – Thurs., 9 A.M. – 3P.M.



***Our church extends
a warm welcome to you.***

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Max Jaouen

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Max Jaouen
Assistant to the Pastor: Debra Neild
Admin. Assistant: Sandra Williams
Music/Choir Director: Frank Coates
Organist: Ruth Rineer
Contemporary Worship Leader:
Eva Jennings
Children's Education Director:
Liz Bonner
Youth Director: Brent Snyder
Nursery Director: Donna Fritz
Bright Beginnings Nursery School:
Liz Bonner
Custodian: Bill Scheetz

Church Leadership

Lay Leaders: Luann Ingram
Assistant: Dave Edwards
Church Council: Cindy Scheetz
Assistant Chair : Todd Harper
Church and Society: Laurel Harper
Discipleship: Peter Noll and Paul DeLong
Finance: Jeff Clamer
Financial Secretary: Warren Shaedle
Lay Leadership: Max Jaouen and Paul
Bonner.
Librarian: Verna Colliver
Missions: Ed Hartmann
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Treasurer: Darren Johnson,
Assistant Chair Richard Hardisty
Trustees: Mike Nickerson
UMM President: Joe Millman
Worship: Connie Barnes
and Maryellen Reinmiller

Summer Worship Times

Traditional Worship

9:00a

Fellowship Time

10:002

PRAISE!:

10:30a

Nursery:

Infants to age 3 during wor-
ship

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