

FEBRUARY 2025 LUMC Newsletter

Pastor's Column

When trying to capture the image of the church in a metaphor, the Apostle Paul used the body. He claimed the church is the body of Christ.

I Corinthians 12:14-21 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

We have diverse gifts. It is good when we work together in harmony. I am amazed at the contributions many different cultures have contributed to our country. We can hardly pick up a fork or tune in to our music without tasting and hearing the flavors from around the world.

Paul reminds us it would be ridiculous if the eye said it has no need for the foot and so on. We have different gifts and one spirit. We have different personalities, interests, abilities and one church. We come from so many different countries and live in this nation. Globalization reminds us we are connected to the world through imports and exports and specialties and technology.

Often we cannot see our biases and it takes study and paying attention and an open heart to catch a glimpse. February as you know is Black history month. Our outreach committee is emphasizing the African American contributions to our area and to our church and to our lives. Our new Bishop and our District Superintendent will lead worship February 2. A special guest speaker will share with us the last Sunday in February. Nick will sing some spirituals and lead us in special music. There are many books I highly recommend. A book that fits our Lenten season that is heart wrenching and so important is "The Cross and the Lynching Tree" by James Cone. "White Fragility" by Robin Diangelo is challenging and taught me a great deal about myself and how I see the world. A movie I highly recommend is "An American Son". Many of you may have other suggestions to add to our experience for the month.

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great of a burden to bear."

In the letter of I John 4:20 in our Bible it says, "Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen."

If we claim to love God, then that means we love those from other cultures or we do not love God. Join us this month as we seek to live the words we say.



Janette Gay

FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH – Celebration of Black History Month

Half of the collection for the February Mission of the Month will be given to the Media Fellowship House scholarship fund for High School juniors and seniors, to help with their mission of fostering unity and empowerment with in Delaware County. This is a local ministry started by 4 women of different races who wanted to promote fellowship and understanding. The organization has kept evolving to address the ever-changing needs of the community. Today's MFH team remains dedicated to bridging the divides within our local community.

Media Fellowship House has a range of programs that champion social action, diversity, and economic empowerment. Examples of the programs are empowering first-time homebuyers, commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy, investing in the education of the youth and virtual financial education workshops.

The other half of the collection for the February Mission of the Month will be given to the H.O.P.E Point Ministries music program to purchase instruments for youth. HOPE Point, a satellite campus of St. Daniels UMC in Chester, is a Christ-centered, non-traditional ministry that seeks to foster positive change in the community while providing opportunities to elevate the quality of life for all.

HOPE Point's mission is to restore hope within their community while providing opportunities for elevation of the mind, body, and spirit. The goal is to educate individuals through all ministries, programs, and services that are provided. Biblical teaching and discipleship are the foundation for everything done at HOPE Point. Thus individuals within the community will find a place of refuge and can grow to become all that God has called them to be.

"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:1



Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi



DS Evelyn Kent Clark

Join us next Sunday February 2nd as we welcome the Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi and District Superintendent Evelyn Kent Clark at the 10:00am service.



United
Women
in Faith

We are invited to the Annual Social Action Event at Downingtown UMC on Saturday February 8th. Registration and lite breakfast will be from 9 to 9:45 AM. Program will be from 10 AM to 12:30 PM. The program is "Emotional Support: What to Say". Presenter is Laurie Lewis, RN, CSM. She is the Minister of Visitation at Doylestown UMC and author of "What to Say to People Who are Hurting". Please let Linda Youngstrom know if you are coming so she can RSVP by Feb. 3rd.

Lima Outreach Mission Projects

Through February 9th, we will have Valentine cards for you to purchase to support Church World Service missions around the globe and in USA. A CWS blanket is helpful in many ways to refugees and displaced child of God. Thank for your participation.



Feeding the Homeless

Tom Ellis and his Boy Scout Troop will be making the hot meal and serving it on February 23rd to the people sheltered at the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County in Upper Darby, PA. Lima congregation's next date for making the hot meal for the homeless is March 23rd. Maybe this will be your month to help with the meal.

Thank you for sharing your time and resources last year to feed the homeless. We, the Outreach Mission Ministry Committee, look forward to having you join us during 2025 as you do your special part in feeding the homeless. Your prayers, monetary donations, and/or physical help will be an opportunity to serve God's family.

Volunteers in Service to Others

Fidget Quilt Fellowship News

February 5th is our Fidget Quilt meeting at Nancy Ellis' house. We meet from 1 to 3 PM. In two hours, we create 2 Fidget Quilt tops of 16 different colored squares plus we attaching 1 fidget item to 9 of the squares. This is definitely the fun part to be doing. You will also see them on display in the sanctuary. Please take one to a friend. You will not know if it is fun for you nor if the fellowship is engaging unless you come and try it. Hope to see you at Nancy's on 02-05-25 at 1 PM. Contact Nancy Ellis, text or call her on 610-547-7501.

Knit and Crochet Fellowship News

February 8th is our Knit and Crochet Fellowship meeting at the church in the Disciples Den room. We start at 1:30 and end by 3 PM. The ladies actively working on a project bring it along. While we are doing our needlework, we sit in a circle to easily see each other, share our thoughts, and prayer concerns. We thank you for your delivery of prayer shawls and Fidget Quilts.



Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart will be speaking here on Sunday February 23rd at the 10:00am service. Rev. Naomi is an adjunct professor of theology and religious studies at Villanova University and Arcadia University. She regularly engages congregations, justice organizations, and academic institutions as founder of Salt | Yeast | Light, a ministry grounded in facilitating spiritual candor, theological rigor, political disruption, deep reflection, radical action, and communal transformation.



Refreshments will now be served every Sunday from 9:30-9:45am. We invite you to stay after the 8:30am service or come early before the 10am service for coffee, juice, donuts and fellowship with one another.



Join Lima UMC in Service

Where: Lima UMC (209 N. Middletown Rd., Media)

When: Sunday, March 16, 2025 (11:30 AM-1:30 PM)

What: Meal packaging event (details below)

Registration: *use link below or QR code and register by Sunday, March 2nd*



Please join Lima UMC for a meal packaging event to help prepare over 10,000 meals for people in need all over the world. This is a great way to earn community service hours or participate in service with the whole family. There's a job for you! There are various stations and jobs available-- weighing food, boxing, etc. all you have to do is show up and you'll be given a job.

All volunteers (ages 11+) must register using this link:

<https://rah.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=7018c000001DY8M>

You can sign up to help set up, be a part of the packaging event, and/or event clean up. Anyone who would like their child (ages 4-10) to participate, please do not use the link to register.

To register a child ages 4-10 email Mallory Perrotti (perrottifamily285@gmail.com)

If you feel called to donate to help those in need due to the devastation of the CA wildfires, you can donate through LUMC or one of the websites listed here.

Community United Methodist Church in Pacific Palisades was founded in 1922. Our church was one of the first structures in the town.

Over the last 100+ years, the building at 801 Via de la Paz hosted not only a church and a preschool, but countless community gatherings: baptisms, weddings, funerals, holidays, carnivals, dances, plays, classes, volleyball, basketball, 12-step meetings and many potlucks.

The building was brought down by the Palisades Fire in a matter of hours on **Jan 8, 2025**.

Our church community also lost dozens of homes and a beloved member to the fire.

As we mourn our losses, we know that tomorrow the sun will rise on another day and we will continue to serve our community.

People are asking what they can do to help.

Please see the links below for information. And keep the prayers coming.



1. Donate directly to Community UM Church. The funds will be used to help people who lost their homes cover immediate expenses and for the church's eventual reconstruction. <http://www.palisadesmethodist.org/giving>
2. Donate to the Los Angeles Fire Recovery Fund through the UMC California Pacific Conference. These funds will benefit all the Los Angeles communities suffering in the fires. <https://www.calpacumc.org>
3. Donate to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for its disaster relief for all the California fires. <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670>
4. Send donations of e-gift cards to palisadesmethodist@gmail.com. These will be given to community members who lost their homes and belongings. Amazon, Target, Grubhub, etc.

"Principally Harps"



"True artistry in tandem" and "poetry in motion" are what audiences are saying to describe the playing styles of duo harpists, Mindy Cutcher and Janet Witman.

"Principally Harps!" blends the talents and experiences of two of America's finest harpists in presentations of virtuosity, distinct style and impeccable ensemble.



Free Concert

February 2, 2025 - 3PM

Lima United Methodist Church
209 N. Middletown Road, Media, Pa
(610) 566-7109

St. Patty's Day Concert

Sunday - March 9, 2025

Connolly & Murphy and Company

have been entertaining audiences for over three decades with a mix of Irish Music that includes drinking songs, rebel songs, sea shanties, and many familiar ballads.

Their extensive repertoire draws on traditional music from the Clancy Brothers, Dubliners, and Wolfe Tones, as well as artists such as Stan Rogers and Solas.



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