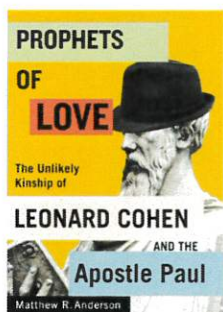


## APRIL 2025 LUMC Newsletter

### Pastor's Column

Last month I attended a special worship service at St. James Episcopal church in Lancaster City called: "Leonard Cohen Mass". The service featured lyrics from Leonard Cohen songs and poetry sung by a local band. We sometimes do not realize the sacred in the secular voices. It was a moving service for me. I have become a fan of Leonard Cohen. Many of you know his popular song, "Hallelujah"

The mass with Cohen's songs were most appropriate for Lent with words like, "Love is not a victory march, it's a sad and it's a broken hallelujah". As we journey toward the cross and acknowledge the uncompromising powerful love of Christ from death to resurrection. We will sing Hallelujah and Alleluia on Easter. But first we go through our wounded healer, a hallelujah yes, also brokenness first. I hope you will join us Holy week at Swarthmore and then for the seven last sentences Jesus said on the cross. Then the sun will rise and we will praise our risen savior!!



I found a book not long ago titled: "Prophets of Love" it compares and contrasts the Apostle Paul and Leonard Cohen. I consumed the book the way we do with any great feast. Then I looked up the author. I found he is a professor in Nova Scotia. So I instant messaged him and asked if he would let me interview him about the book in a podcast. He was thrilled to do so.

So I interviewed him. Contact the church office if you want the link to listen.

One of Leonard Cohen's songs is "Come Healing".

Behold the gates of mercy

In arbitrary space

And none of deserving

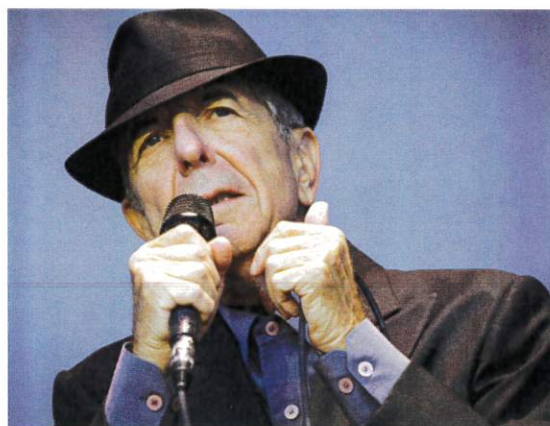
The cruelty or the grace.

O solitude of longing

Where love has been confirmed

Come healing of the body

Come healing of the mind.



I know you have musicians that speak to your soul. If it is not Leonard Cohen, listen to some of your favorite music as you prepare your hearts for Holy Week again this year.

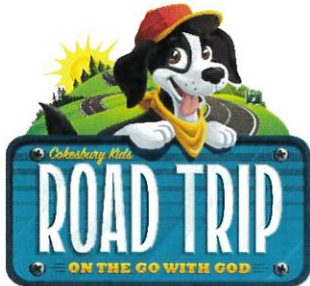
*Janette Gay*



Our Women's Bible Study will continue to meet In April on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 12:45pm in the Conference Room!



Thank you to all members who helped make this year's Rise Against Hunger event a success! Thank you to everyone who donated financially and those who also volunteered the day of the event. Special thank you to Stephanie and Gary Herman, Stacy Gommer, Frank Carango, Trevor Salla, Bill Thomas, and Linda Youngstrom for their help with set up and clean up. We had over 60 volunteers including about 20 youth from Penncrest HS and Girl Scout Troop 57080 who participated in helping to package 10,000 meals. We'll be sure to let the congregation know where the meals are shipped to.



**Vacation Bible School** will be back this summer! It is taking place June 23-27 from 9am-12pm. We need volunteers with updated clearances. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the bulletin tab or contact Christina in the office to help with obtaining clearances.

# WATOTO

We are looking for 9 host families for the Watoto children who will be performing on Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Daniels Church in Chester. The children will need a one night stay in your home May 1 to May 2. You can contact Terry Baidokas for more info or Carolyn Payne from St. Daniels at 610-620-4857.

# MEETING



Lima is hosting the South District Conference of EPAUMC.

Sunday afternoon, April 27

2:00 pm (light lunch)

3:00 pm meeting in Sanctuary and fellowship hall



## Maundy Thursday Dinner / Worship

with Swarthmore United Methodist Church

Table Church Style

129 Park Avenue

Swarthmore, PA

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Includes dinner

Swarthmore will provide the main course and drinks

We can bring desserts or sides.



This is a great opportunity to be a part of the United Methodist connection with Swarthmore. Their pastor Ali DeLeo and congregation in turn will join us for the Seven Last words service on Good Friday at Noon.



## Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

7:00 a.m.

Followed by breakfast provided by  
the Methodist Men

@ 7:30am



Spring flowers will be used to decorate our church for Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and/or to give to one of our very appreciative homebonds. All flowers will come with foil and a bow. Each 6" pot has 5 – 6 blooms. The Easter lilies (\$14) are approximately 2 ft high. The tulips (\$9) are assorted colors and the daffodils (\$9) are yellow. Your dedication will be listed with the Easter Sunday bulletin. Order forms and envelopes can be found in the Narthex. FINAL DEADLINE FOR FLOWER ORDERS: Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>.



The seven last words of Christ  
Good Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>  
At Noon – 1:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary of Lima United Methodist Church  
209 N. Middletown Road  
Media, PA

1. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34)  
Lee Barrett Professor at Lancaster Theological Seminary/ Moravian University
2. "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)  
Richard Howarth United Methodist Clergy Emeritus
3. "Woman, here is your son," ... "Here is your mother." (John 19:26-27)  
Evelyn Kent Clark, District Superintendent
4. "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?") (Mark 15:34)  
Joanne Miles, Deacon at Swarthmore UMC
5. "I thirst" (John 19:28)  
Ali DeLeo, senior pastor at Swarthmore UMC
6. "It is finished" (John 19:30)  
John Lafferty, pastor at Eddystone UMC
7. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46)  
Jonette Gay, pastor at Lima UMC



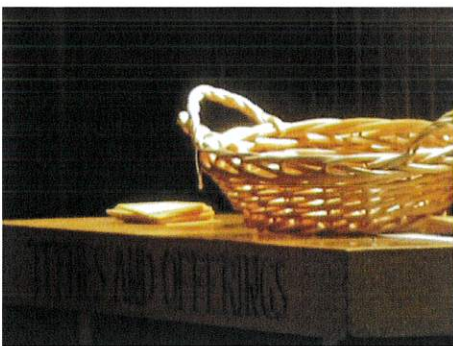


*Easter Sunday*

*April 20*

*He is Risen indeed!!*

*Join us this Easter as we celebrate the  
Risen Lord.*



## MISSION OF THE MONTH

April Mission of the Month is to the Cokesbury Lunch and Learn Summer Program run by Marcus Hook UMC. July to mid August, K to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders come to the morning program and free lunch that are tailored to the 3 elementary schools with-in walking distance of the church. 20-35 children attend daily with a few walk-in 18 yo and younger for lunch. This free lunch is funded by the Summer Food Service Program of PA Dept. of Education.

Outside funding is needed to cover stipends for one elementary school teacher and two helpers, new age appropriate books, art supplies, backpacks, and school supplies. Donations also fund special programs (2024 included a traveling zoo, PALS for Life, local police men come to read stories, and firemen to demonstrate fire safety). All these special programs provide enrichment for the students who are not able to take family day trips. This is an excellent mission outreach program for summer education of God's young children who are only a few miles from Lima. Our heartfelt generosity will nourish the children of Marcus Hook in mind, body, and spirit. Cokesbury Lunch and Learn Program truly appreciate your prayers and donations.

## Church Council News

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Church Council met on 3/10/25. Our next meeting is May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. This is an open meeting, and anyone is welcome to attend and contribute.



The Church Council has made an important decision to engage in a visioning process – a process to know who we are as a church, and where we want to go based upon our call to mission. We want to look at how we nurture our members, reach out to others in need and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is a process in which we plan for future growth as the Body of Christ. We are going to look for resources/outside expertise to help us with the process. Please join us in praying for the church and that the Holy Spirit guides us in the process of discerning God's Will for Lima UMC.



United  
Women  
in Faith

Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for June 18-21, 2025.

Ingathering for Women is the month of April. This year we are collecting feminine hygiene products by request of 5 of the 6 shelters and women's organizations canvased. Specific need list will be in the bulletin by April

6<sup>th</sup>. Bring your purchases to the basket in the narthex on April 13, 20, 30. Donated items will be delivered on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to West Chester UMC. Let Linda Youngstrom know if you want to join her to deliver your donations.

South District United Women in Faith: The Ingathering place for the South District donations of feminine hygiene will be at West Chester UMC on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A program about ministries for South District women in need will be presented. This meeting will also be an opportunity for fellowship and light refreshments. You are invited to join Linda Youngstrom's car pool.



## **Eastern PA Conference United Women in Faith:**

Spiritual Growth Program will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Midtown Parish UMC. To attend, Linda Youngstrom will be riding SEPTA to the Norris Street station in the Temple University area. There are 2 other women going on this adventure. Do you want to be the fourth lady to come?

2025 Mission u will be on July 18-19 at the Exton Hotel. This is an annual mission education event of the national United Women in Faith. The theme is "Hope as Resurrection People". The study will explore what it means to have hope in God even when things seem to be falling apart.

Mission u Online class will be July 21 & 23, 28 & 30 on Mon & Wed 6:30 to 8:30 PM on Zoom.

Online registration for both sessions will be available mid April. Look for sanctuary announcement slide and bulletin for registration information.

## **In Service to Others**

### **Fidget Quilts**

Fidget Quilt meeting is on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Nancy Ellis' house. We gather at 1 PM in Nancy's crafting studio on the second floor and adjourn by 3 PM. Nancy's quilting friends join us, too.

All 18 Fidget Quilts were adopted in February at the dedication service. So, we are inspired to get busy creating Fidget Quilt tops for Nancy and Ruth Smiley to sew together the layers to make them into quilts. Keep in mind that the Wed. group designs the quilt tops and our skillful sewers do the rest. The designers definitely get to do the fun part!

### **Knit and Crochet Fellowship**

April 12<sup>th</sup> is our next Knit and Crochet Fellowship meeting at the church in the Disciples Den room. We start at 1:30 and end by 3 PM. All six of us continue to create pray shawls, lap blankets, and winter hat and scarf sets.

If you are interested in reactivating or learning needlework skills, come visit us. We have donated yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks plus a willingness to teach you.

Thank you to the anonymous donor of 10 scarves that appeared in the Disciples Den mid March. We have ample time to create hats for each scarf thus creating a complete set to give away.



### **Feeding the Homeless**

Thank you to Tom Ellis and #154 Boy Scout Troop for cooking, delivering, and staying to serve 50 hot Sunday dinners on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The dinner guests are people sheltered at the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County in Upper Darby, PA. And they are very grateful.

Lima congregation's next two dates for making the hot Sunday dinner for the homeless are on May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The choice of date to sign up and to help feed the homeless is your decision. You are being a blessing with your prayers, monetary donations, and/or physical help to feed God's children.



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## DATED MATERIAL

## APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Outreach 10am Womens Bible Study 12:45 Book Study at the parsonage 7pm	2 Virtual Prayer on Zoom 12pm Fidget quilters at Ellis's home 1pm	3	4	5
6 Bible study WH 11:15-12:15	7	8 Book Study at the parsonage 7pm	9 Virtual Prayer on Zoom 12pm Easter flower orders due	10 Trustees Mtg 7pm	11	12 Knit & Crochet in DD 1:30pm
13 Bible study WH 11:15-12:15	14	15 Womens Bible Study 12:45 Book Study at the parsonage 7pm	16 Virtual Prayer on Zoom 12pm	17 Maundy Thursday joint service at Swarthmore UMC 6pm	18 Good Friday 7 last words of Christ 12pm	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY 7am Sunrise service & breakfast 10am He is Risen!	21	22 Book Study at the parsonage 7pm	23	24	25	26
27 Bible study WH 11:15-12:15 South District Conference 2pm	28	29 Book Study at the parsonage 7pm	30			