



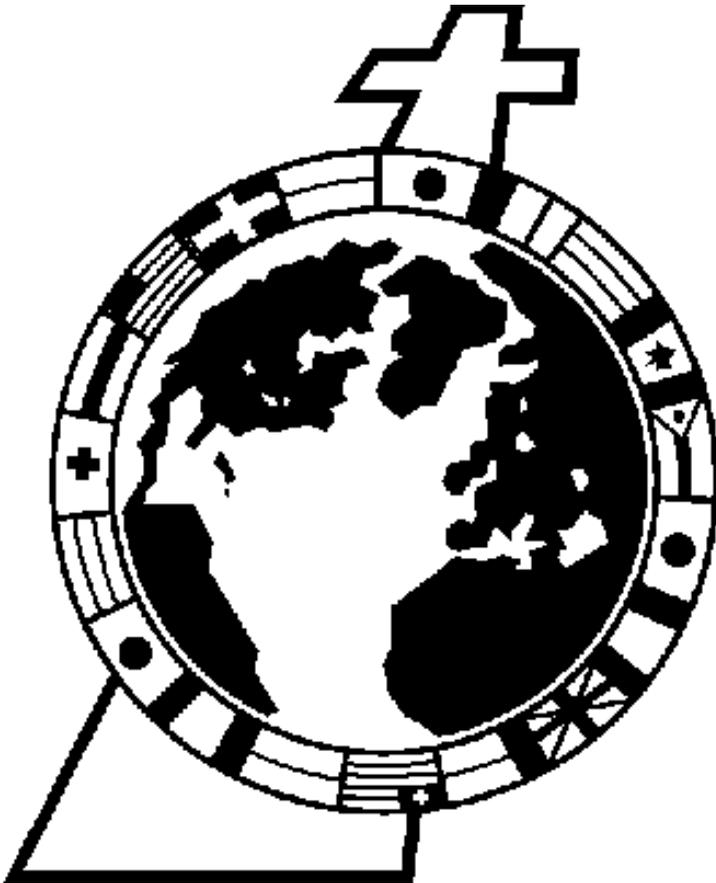
Please join us for
Worship at 9:00 AM, and 6:00 PM; Sunday school 10:30 AM

The Sunbeam

October 2010

Lansing United Methodist Church
lansingunited.org

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World Day of Communion, October 3, 2010

A Special Time of Year

There is something about the very smell of fall that gets my juices running. I'm not even sure where it comes from. As a child, we didn't have a fireplace, but the smell of wood smoke indoors (which is vastly different than a campfire) signals a warmth of spirit that turns me on! I also love the crunch of leaves underfoot and the smell of cider just pressed. I must be honest and tell you that I cannot wait to see what this view from my office window will look like awash in golds and reds and yellows.

Autumn has long been my favorite season, but more so since I became a pastor. I love the possibilities that come with shedding the old and giving it time to wait for new birth. There is something very "Ecclesiastical" (don't know if that's a word, but if it isn't, it should be) about fall. There is "a time for every matter under heaven" in this world of ours. It isn't always the same, thanks be to God!

In this time of great beauty and bounty, we are called upon to think about our resources and how we will use them to further God's work in this place—Lansing. As we look at all we have, we need to think about how we will use our time, our talents, our treasure, and our service to bring about the Kingdom.

I have been pretty vocal about saying that Lansing is pretty close to heaven...but I know that there still are things that can be done to make disciples here at home. We need to always be thinking about how we can serve God—and not necessarily the way we have always done it before.

When you are asked to give...whether

it be time or money...think long and hard about what might happen if LUMC were no longer a part of this community. How would God be shortchanged if you were not here? How do we use all that we have and all that we are to be more than we are today?

So, my friends, we are at a time of year when we reflect on all the joy and sorrow and laughter and tears we have already shared...and we look forward to the next season...and the next...and the next...knowing that God will bring good from all of them. God will bring good from us as well.

Blessings,

Pastor Jane

October Worship Themes

October 3 World Communion Sunday
"Never Give Up"

Lamentations 1: 1-6; Luke 17: 5-10

October 10

"Surprises—in healing and in thanks"

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7; Luke 7: 11-19

October 17 Laity Sunday

October 24

"What does God care about?"

Joel 2: 23-32; Luke 18: 9-14

October 31

"What do you see and hear?"

Psalm 149; Luke 6: 20-31

Thank you from PJ Bishop

For those that may not know me, I am Scott and Karen Bishop's son, as well as Jeanne Bishop's grandson, and I was recently hospitalized with complications from an appendectomy. Although many church members heard what happened, to make a long story short, I was in the hospital for four weeks, grew a beard, lost 40 pounds, and my spirits were rather low. For those people that not have had to spend time in the hospital with an illness, it takes just as much if not more of a mental toll on you than a physical one. I have to say that I was lucky to have both of my parents as well as other friends and family visit regularly to help me through the process. My family also notified me on a daily basis of more people from home that had heard about me and were praying for my recovery. I can't say how much it meant to me to know that there was an entire community with me in the hospital whether in body or in spirit. Eventually those prayers were answered and I have made a full recovery, shaved off the beard, and am back in Binghamton attending graduate school. I want to thank everyone that prayed for me, sent me cards, or visited me because they made my "vacation" in the hospital easier to deal with, knowing that I was not alone. Please continue to pray for those who need it because they can hear them and prayers do get answered.

Thank you,
PJ Bishop

Prayer Requests

Mourning families of Harry Fuller and Susan Rosenkoetter

Len Andrew, Pastor Jane's brother-in-law
Christopher Bishop
Jim Juenger
Paul Lutomski, father of Sharon Bowman's daughter-in-law, Amy
Alfred & Janet Passmore, friends of the Butmans
Bill Riker, friend of the Buttmans

Return of the Rummage!

October 8–9

Starring, um, You

LUMC's semi-annual rummage sale is scheduled for October 8 and 9, with setup starting Saturday, October 2, and continuing with sorting and pricing all week long. Thanks to Shelly Stark for heading up the sale!

Drop off your sale items on Sunday, October 3 through Tuesday, October 5.

Donations for Café Rummage are welcome, as we try to keep our workers' energy up.

The sale can use your donations of paper and plastic grocery bags, masking tape, black markers, gallon jugs with caps and handles, and medium size boxes.

Cleanup starts Saturday, October 9, at noon.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal 11:30 K.A.N. 4:00 Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00 Joint Fireplace Praise Service at All Saints RC Church 6:00	4 Disciple Bible Study 12:30 Rummage Donations Accepted Sunday through Tuesday	5 Quilt Bee 9:30	6 Rummage Sorting and Pricing—All Week	7 Rummage Sorting and Pricing—All Week	1 Rummage Sale 8:00 Women of Faith Conference—Rochester	2 Mens' Breakfast 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 Cleanup starts at 12 noon
10 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal 11:30 Caregivers 11:30 Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00 Fireplace Praise Service 6:00	11 Disciple Bible Study 12:30 Trustees 7:30	12 Quilt Bee 9:30	13 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00	14 Senior High 7:00	8 SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight	9 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
17 LAITY SUNDAY Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal 11:30 Children's Ministries 11:45 Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00 Fireplace Praise Service 6:00	18 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 Disciple Bible Study 12:30 Haiti Committee 7:00	19 Quilt Bee 9:30 Membership 7:00 Youth Ministry 7:00 Worship Committee 7:00	20 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00	21 Senior High 7:00	22 Peanut Brittle Bees—Yummm.	23 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
24 PLEDGE CARD DISTRIBUTION Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal 11:30 Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00 Fireplace Praise Service 6:00	25 Disciple Bible Study 12:30 Food Pantry 3:00 Laity District Day with Bishop Matthews 7:00 Casowasco	26 Quilt Bee 9:30 Finance 7:00	27 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00	28 Church Dish to Pass Dinner 6:00 Senior High 7:00	29 Haiti Gathering 10:00-2:00	30 Mens' Breakfast 7:00 Haiti Gathering 10:00-2:00
31 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal 11:30 Fall Festival 12:00 Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00 Fireplace Praise Service 6:00	Consecration Sunday will be November 7.	Note: This calendar is current as of September 23. For updates to all LUMC events, visit lansingunited.org, and check the bulletin when you're in church on Sunday.		October 2010	 Lansing United Methodist Church	

Celebrating Our Faith

Remember this: “Imagine getting together with your closest friends for a weekend. Think of the laughter that you would share, the tears you would shed, and the fun you would have. Multiply that by 10,000—That’s **Women of Faith.**” That’s where we are heading on Friday, October 8. We will leave from All Saints Church at noon and return on Saturday evening. (Note: We have the Rummage Sale going on—so don’t leave your vehicle at LUMC!) Speakers this year include Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Sandi Patty, Anita Renfro, Lisa Whechel, and Nicole Johnson. Get ready for a grand time!!

Children’s Ministry Committee will host the annual **Fall Festival** on Sunday, October 31 following Sunday School and Jr Choir practice in the Fellowship Hall. The festival includes pumpkin painting, donut catching, cider pressing, craft making, a hay ride, and good food, fun, and fellowship. Pizza and beverages will be served at noon and you are

welcome to bring a favorite snack to share. Everyone is invited to join us for this event.

Back in the classrooms the children will begin a new unit entitled **Life in Bible Times**. This is the story of two sisters, Mary and Martha. The story unfolds when Jesus is traveling in southern Galilee and visits his friends at their home. The children will hear how learning about Biblical times helps us better understand Jesus and how his teachings affect our everyday lives.

The **Women’s Bible Study** will begin their discussion of “Favorite Bible Passages” on Wednesday, October 13, at 9:30 am in the double classroom. Jan Nagel will lead the class through twenty-six favorite passages that have resonated with Christians throughout the ages. New members are welcome to join in.

As we move into this new season, we not only see the beauty in the changing leaves around us but the beauty in celebrating our faith in various places. God Bless.—*Marilyn Paradise*

Update from the Finance Committee

As of the end of August we are running a deficit of about \$10,000 of expenses over income for the first eight months of this year. In 2009, we ran a \$17,377 deficit for the whole year. We encourage church members and supporters to try to catch up with their pledges and be generous in supporting the ministry of the Church in the months ahead.

Also, the auditor has asked us to remind everyone who submits vouchers for reimbursement to the LUMC treasurer to be sure that receipts are included with your vouchers as required by IRS regulations governing expenditures by non-profit institutions.—*Dave Stoyell, on behalf of the Finance Committee*

Conference Council on Youth Ministries Plans Fall Gatherings in Albany and Rochester

The first-ever Fall Gatherings of the newly merged Upper New York Annual Conference will be held in Albany, on November 12-13, and Rochester, on November 19-20. Cost is \$80 per person (including adult advisors) based on 4 persons in a room. This includes your room and all programming. Any questions on the registration, please contact Judy Hipes at tandj3905@hotmail.com or 607-624-2145

Graceshops

- Planned activities include: The YSF Scavenger Hunt (Youth Service Fund)
- Grace in the Media
- Prayer Chapel
- Mission of Peace (MOP), where you can learn about going on a mission trip to a foreign country from those who have gone
- Accepting Special Needs
- Self-Acceptance
- Accepting Diversity
- Dance
- Open Mic
- Wacky Olympics
- 4-Square and other games
- Guitar Hero/DDR/Rock Band.

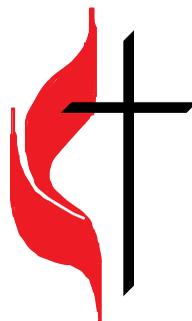
Putting the LUMC Puzzle Together: Commitment Campaign 2010 Consecration Sunday, November 7

Starting on October 10, we will begin to piece together the puzzle that is LUMC. Pastor Jane will preach on “Are You Puzzled about Where We Are?” In the following Sundays, we will hear from “pieces of the puzzle,” the many groups that constitute LUMC. We’ll also take a look at our church’s major expense categories.

Pledge cards will be handed out on October 24 (or mailed if you’re not in church).

On November 7, Consecration Sunday, we will put the puzzle together and collect pledge cards.

As you consider how you wish to support this church in the next year, remember that we are not “pledging a budget,” although it’s good to cover expenses. We are providing the foundation for about a bazillion programs, activities, and functions that are connected with this church. With God’s guidance, perhaps we’ll be doing two bazillion things in the future, but that’s not the point. Most important, mission number one, is to create disciples for Jesus Christ. All of our other activities are pointing in that direction.—*gw*



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