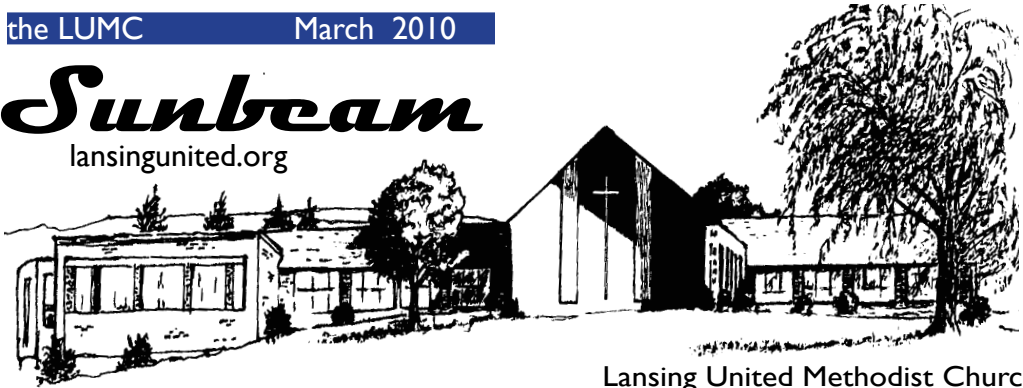


Please join us for worship at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Maundy Thursday, April 1

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Lansing United Methodist Church  
Route 34B and Brickyard Road, South Lansing

Pastor: Bill Gottschalk-Fielding • Program Associate: Marilyn Paradise • Youth Coordinator: Kevin Dunn

## Telling the Stories of Jesus



### "Once Upon a Parable"

Children's Musical  
March 14, 9:00 AM



## Change Brings Sadness and Opportunity

As you've probably heard by now, I have accepted Bishop Marcus Matthews's offer to join the staff of the new Upper New York Conference as the new Director of Connectional Ministries. Though this brings many changes, chief among them is I'll cease to be the pastor of the Lansing United Methodist Church effective July 1.

I've always tried to speak plainly to you—whether in a sermon from the pulpit, one-on-one in my office, or in this space in my monthly column—and I'll seek to do so now. I'm excited by the opportunities my new role will offer, but grieving the losses this decision inevitably must bring. I've served as your pastor for nearly seven years. They've been good years. There's so much I've enjoyed and few things I haven't. Certainly the chance to worship, work, pray, play, dream, laugh, grieve, and live alongside the people of this wonderful congregation has been an awesome privilege. God has richly blessed me in you and through you. While this isn't the time for final words of thanks or last good-byes, I wanted you to know at least this for now.

Perhaps one other important thing. It's said most pastors, even if they preach Sunday after Sunday, year after year, really only have about six different sermons to preach. Illustrations change, new jokes (hopefully!) are told, and different Scriptures cited—the basic themes recur. For example, if you've been listening to me for any length of time, you'll know I believe passionately in a God who calls us to be his partner in the work he is doing in the world. That's why I've urged you to listen for and follow the

call your hear, whether to work in Haiti, teach Sunday School, organize a rummage sale table, sing at the Fireplace service, hand out food on pantry days, visit a shut-in, write your Senator, love your spouse, parent your children or care for the Earth.

Indeed, it wouldn't surprise me if the theme "listening and responding to God's call" has found its way into one out of four of the sermons I've preached over these last seven years.

Which gets me to the simplest explanation for why I've accepted this new position: I need to practice what I preach. Over the last five years—in addition to my ministry among you as pastor—I've been involved in the development of a new conference for Upper New York. "Conference" is the United Methodist name for the way we organize ourselves for mission in a particular region.

Currently there are four United Methodist conferences in Upper New York. Declining church membership and decreased financial support have made it necessary to unite these four into one large Upper New York Conference, effective July 1. This new conference will stretch from Jamestown to Albany and from the Canadian border to the Pennsylvania state line. My plea throughout this reorganization has been that we wouldn't just "move the deck chairs around on the Titanic," but reorganize in order to partner with God to make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors.

As the new Director of Connectional Ministries, my job will be to capture, carry, and

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## Pastor's message (concluded)

communicate this vision of "being God's love to our neighbors in all places" and ensure our resources are aligned with that vision. Given the way I've advocated for real change in Upper New York, you could say accepting this position is a concrete way of putting my "life" where my mouth is. But it's much more than that for me. It's the work I feel God calling me to embrace at this time in my life. To embrace it, though, means I must let go of my place in your life as your pastor.

In the days and weeks ahead, you and I'll have more chances to talk further about all of this. LUMC's Staff-Parish Relations Committee, under the able leadership of Sandy Dhimitri, is already in conversation with our District Superintendent, Dave Underwood, about next steps. Expect to be hearing more very soon. In the meantime, I ask for your prayers and promise you mine. And I urge you, once again, to listen to your life for God's call.

*Pastor B.M.*

## Save the Date—VBS Is on the Horizon!

Despite the cold, summer is on its way. ☺

You've probably already started filling in some dates (hopefully for fun) during those precious months. Please turn your calendar to the month of July and save the week of **July 19-23** for Vacation Bible School. VBS is for children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade, but we've been lucky to have the older kids participate and make meaningful contributions to a wonderful week. If you'd like to help with VBS planning, contact *Bonnie Blair*, 257-0721, or *Marilyn Paradise*, 533-4070, for more information.

## Holy Week Observances

Palm and Passion Sunday will feature a congregational procession and a choir cantata, "Song of the Shadows."

The drama of our Lord's Last Supper, "Lord, Is It I," will be presented at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 30, and Maundy Thursday, April 1.

On Good Friday, April 2, we will worship at 7:00 PM to remember the amazing sacrifice made for us by Jesus.



## Children's Musical

**March 14, 9:00 AM (DAYLIGHT TIME)**  
The children's musical, "Once Upon a Parable," by Tom Long and Alan Pote, presents the parables of Jesus, including the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, and the Vineyard. Come relive the "stories of Jesus."

## 4WORD 2010 April 23-25

The 6th Annual event for youth in grades 7-12 of North Central NY, Troy, Western NY, and Wyoming Conferences! Bring your youth group to praise God and form new friendships!

**Where: Holiday Inn, Liverpool, NY (Syracuse)**  
**When: April 23-25, 2010**

Speakers: Youth . . . from each conference  
Registrations must be postmarked by April 9.  
To download a registration form or for more information go to: [http://wny.brickriver.com/files/oEvent\\_Calendar\\_EUXQLB/4WORD\\_Registration\\_G2UCRJMY.pdf](http://wny.brickriver.com/files/oEvent_Calendar_EUXQLB/4WORD_Registration_G2UCRJMY.pdf)



## Worship in March

Every Sunday in March is a Sunday in Lent, which means the Scriptures we will read, the hymns we will sing and the prayers we will lift up in these days will all speak of new possibilities of personal growth and generous service to others. A word from Isaiah to be read March 7 typifies the promise and the challenge of this season: "Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near." God is near, but we must reach out in order for this to make a difference. Worship is a big part of our "reaching out." Come Sunday morning, and stretch out your soul with sisters and brothers. And experience God's healing touch.

**March 7—Third Sunday in Lent and Communion.** Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Lutheran pastor and theologian who worked to rescue Jews from the Nazis and who was executed for his opposition to the Third Reich, wrote passionately about the problem of "cheap grace," that is, the belief that new life in Christ requires little of us in return. Bonhoeffer famously wrote, "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." This is the theme of today's gospel—that receiving new life requires total investment of our whole life here and now. Read: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; and Luke 13:1-9.

**March 14—Fourth Sunday in Lent.** The children lead worship this morning, offering "Once Upon a Parable," by Alan Long and Tom Pote, to the glory of God and edification of God's people. Come experience the delight and challenge of this wonderful worship musical, which brings to life the parables told by Jesus.

**March 21—Fifth Sunday in Lent.** During a dinner party, young Mary of Bethany poured costly oil on the head and feet of Jesus, her friend and teacher, and soaked up the excess with her hair. For an unmarried woman to publicly lavish such love on a man

was scandalous, yet she was determined to show Jesus her love, especially in these last hours before his death. Her reputation was ruined, but she valued her relationship to Jesus more. Do we? Read: Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14 and John 12:1-8.

**March 28—Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday:** Today we move from the party atmosphere of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to a preview of the mob scene that was Good Friday. We start with a triumphal procession. Gather in Fellowship Hall to start and move together into the sanctuary. The choir will lead us through Holy Week with a Passion Sunday Cantata, "Song of the Shadows," by Joseph Martin. Beginning with the glory of the procession into Jerusalem, this cantata is based on the traditional tenebrae service, in which candles are extinguished one by one to symbolize the dimming of the Light of the World. To prepare read through the following scriptures of the day:

*Liturgy of the Palms:* Luke 19:28-40 ; and Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;

*Liturgy of the Passion:* Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764); Philippians 2:5-11; and Luke 22:14-23:56



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. Now multiply that by 10,000 or so. That's Women of Faith!

Five years ago we began attending the Women of Faith Conference as guests with another area church. Since then we've traveled on our own. We open the trip up to everyone here at our church and then to others in the community and beyond. We've arranged for folks to attend from as far away as Ohio. The weekend includes messages from noted speakers, concerts by popular artists, dramatic presentations, and times of worship. Although the conferences are for women, a small number of men may be found at any given event. Last year a young man came up onto the center stage to propose marriage to his beloved fiancée in front of the entire crowd—it was pretty amazing.

Over the course of the conference, you will have the opportunity to:

- Renew your spirit with messages of hope and humor from Women of Faith speaker team;
- Recharge your spiritual batteries with drama that tickles your funny bone and touches your heart at the same time;
- Rejoice with music from top Christian music artists;
- Reconnect with God and each other as The Women of Faith worship team leads

- an arena full of women in praise to God;
- Revitalize your life with resources that will help keep the conference experience alive all year; and
- Relax in the comforting knowledge that God loves you—right where you are.

This year we will take 24 (a full bus!) to Rochester on **Friday, October 8, and return on Saturday, October 9.** The theme is "Over the Top," and that's how you will feel after returning home from the weekend. The speakers will include Patsy Clairmont, Anita Renfroe, Marilyn Meberg, and *American Idol* singer Mandisa. The church library has a selection of books from these women.

If you are considering attending the Women of Faith Conference this year, please let us know by May 1, 2010. The cost is \$150 which includes your ticket, hotel, transportation, and lunch on Saturday. It also includes an abundance of joy and fellowship. A deposit of \$50 will reserve your seat. Please make your check out to LUMC and put "Women of Faith" in the memo line. The remaining \$100 will be due September 1.

It's one weekend, once a year, with a wonderful message that may change your life forever. Please join us. God Bless.—*Marilyn Paradise*

### New Member Orientation

We'd love to have you join LUMC if you're not a member. Pastor Bill will meet with people who are thinking about becoming church members on Saturday, March 13, at 9:00 AM. You can learn about how church membership fits in with your spiritual journey, the blessings and challenges of church membership, the mission of LUMC, how we carry out this mission, and the gifts and skills you can share. No obligation to join, but if you're interested in attending, please let our office know at 533-4070 or [lumcoffice@twcny.rr.com](mailto:lumcoffice@twcny.rr.com).



**SUNDAY**  
*Lansing United  
 Methodist Church*

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

**1** *March  
 2010*  
 Staff Parish 7:30

**2** Quilt Bee 9:30

**3** Prayer Service 9:00  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30  
 Bell Choir 6:00  
 Choir 7:00

**4** Senior High Youth 7:00

**5** WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**6** Mens' Breakfast every Saturday at Linda's in North Lansing 7:00  
 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00  
 Children's Musical Rehearsal 0

**7** THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
 Worship 9:00  
 Sunday School 10:30  
 Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30  
 Confirmation Bible Study 3:30  
 K.A.N. 4:00  
 Praise Singers 5:00  
 Fireplace Contemporary Worship 6:00

**8** Trustees 7:30

**9** Quilt Bee 9:30  
 Children's Musical Rehearsal 5:30  
 Church Council 7:00

**10** Prayer Service 9:00  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30  
 Children's Musical Rehearsal 5:30  
 Bell Choir 6:00  
 Choir 7:00

**11** Senior High Youth 7:00

**12**

**13** Mens' Breakfast 7:00  
 8:30 Blood Drive  
 New Member Orientation 9:00  
 Children's Musical Rehearsal 3:00  
 Friends and Family at 4:15  
 Daylight time begins tomorrow!

**14** FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
 Worship 9:00 Daylight Time!  
 Children's Musical, "Once Upon a Parable"  
 Sunday School 10:30  
 Caregivers 10:30, Children's Ministry 11:30  
 Confirmation Bible Study 3:30  
 Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00  
 Fireplace Contemporary Worship 6:00

**15** SUNBEAM DEADLINE  
 12:00 Midnight

**16** Quilt Bee 9:30  
 Membership 7:00

**17** Prayer Service 9:00  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30  
 Bell Choir 6:00  
 Choir 7:00

**18** Senior High Youth 7:00

**19** Confirmation Retreat at Lakeview

**20** Mens' Breakfast 7:00

**21** FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
 Worship 9:00  
 Sunday School 10:30  
 Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive  
 Fireplace Planning 11:30  
 Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00  
 Fireplace Contemporary Worship 6:00

**22** Food Pantry 3:00

**23** Quilt Bee 9:30  
 Youth Ministry 7:00

**24** Prayer Service 9:00  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30  
 Bell Choir 6:00  
 Choir 7:00

**25** Senior High Youth 7:00

**26**

**27** Mens' Breakfast 7:00

**28** PALM SUNDAY AND PASSION SUNDAY  
 Worship 9:00  
 Cantata: Song of the Shadows  
 Sunday School and K.A.N. Bake Sale 10:30  
 Confirmation Bible Study 3:30  
 Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00  
 Fireplace Contemporary Worship 6:00

**29**

**30** Quilt Bee 9:30  
 Lord, Is It!  
 Living Last Supper 7:30

**31** Prayer Service 9:00  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30  
 Bell Choir 6:00  
 Choir 7:00

**1** MAUNDY THURSDAY  
 Lord, Is It!  
 Living Last Supper 7:30

**2** GOOD FRIDAY  
 Worship 7:00

Note: This calendar is current as of February 23. For updates to all LUMC events, visit [lansingunited.org](http://lansingunited.org), and check the bulletin when you're in church on Sunday.

## Lansing Food Pantry Takes the Feinstein Challenge

The Feinstein Foundation has bet a million dollars that the people of Lansing will come forward in the next two months to support the Lansing Food Pantry. March and April are special grant months for this challenge. All



donations received between March 1 and April 30 help earn grant money from the Feinstein Foundation, which has committed to donating \$1 million to anti-hunger agencies throughout the United States. The more we donate, the more of this grant money the Lansing Food Pantry will receive. (For more information, see [www.feinsteinfoundation.org](http://www.feinsteinfoundation.org).) Last year, your generous response to this awareness campaign tripled the contributions to the food pantry during the grant period and resulted in an 8-percent increase in grant money received. The competition for the grant money will be even stronger this year.

As you may expect, the number of persons helped by the food pantry has increased by 30 percent since last year at this time. Both monetary donations and donations of non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated (both count in the challenge). One hundred percent of your donations are used for members of our Lansing community in need. Monetary donations may be sent to Lansing Food Pantry, 32 Brickyard Road, Lansing NY 14882, or you may drop a check made to LUMC in the Sunday morning collection, with the memo Food Pantry. Food donations may be dropped off at that same address in a special collection basket inside the front door.

Thank you for fighting hunger in our local community!—*Bonnie Blair*

## K.A.N. Raising Money to Sponsor a Child in Haiti

Our Kids in Action Now (K.A.N.) group sponsors an elementary school child in Haiti. His name is Cherkens Metelus and he's a 5<sup>th</sup> grader. After learning about the Haiti education program from Judy Hinderliter last year, K.A.N. earned the money to sponsor him by making bunny cakes. This fall, we got to see pictures of Verrettes along with some stories about how Cherkens and the other children at the La Providence School live from Dean Benware. Knowing about the challenges facing the children of Haiti and what LUMC and their partners in the Haiti mission have been doing for years to help make a difference in there, the K.A.N. kids are enthusiastic about continuing to support this mission.

To reach that goal, we'll be holding a bake sale on Palm Sunday after the 9:00 service. If you would like to contribute home-baked goods to the sale, we would welcome your help. We'll look forward to satisfying your sweet tooth as Lent draws to a close. ☺ —*Bonnie Blair*

*Editor's note:* It is impossible to say enough about the work that K.A.N. is doing to promote the Feinstein Challenge, so let's let the numbers tell the story. Here is the result from last year. During the challenge months of March and April 2009, the Food Pantry received \$2,055 in donations from the congregation; \$486.51 from K.A.N.; \$134.68 from the Lenten Offering (designated for food pantry in 2009); and \$3,300 in direct donations.

As a result of this remarkable effort Lansing Food Pantry received \$270 from the Feinstein Foundation in 2009.

This year's Lenten Offering has been designated for the worldwide anti-malaria effort, Nothing but Nets.-*gw*

## K.A.N. Steps out in 2010

With only two months of the calendar year behind us, Kids in Action Now has been active in the "making a difference" business. We started out in January learning about Habitat for Humanity and what the local Tompkins-Cortland County Chapter has been doing. Although our group is too young to be on the construction site, Christy Voytko, the Executive Director of our local chapter, found an off-site project that we could help with—making signs for Habitat Properties. Armed with spray paint and stencils, the K.A.N. kids transformed real estate signs donated by Audrey Edelman into Habitat for Humanity signs. Once the ground thaws out, don't be surprised if spot one of these signs as you travel in our two counties.

At the end of January, we raised money for "Nothing But Nets" by running a concession stand at the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby. The Boy Scouts of America have chosen "Nothing But Nets" as their service project to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To prepare for this event, Bonnie Blair was invited to our local Cub Scout Pack meeting to introduce them to the "Nothing But Nets" organization. We set up a display both at the Pack Meeting and at the Pinewood Derby. Proceeds from the food concessions and donations resulted in 29 more nets being sent to save lives in Africa. The following Sunday, the K.A.N. kids received the same presentation, and they are even more committed to helping strike a blow against malaria.

We have a lot of fun at K.A.N. too. Our construction theme included a game based on Jenga blocks, and we used a special deck of anti-malaria themed cards to play a game of spoons. In February, we spent an afternoon playing games with the residents of Woodsedge, to follow up on our wonderful experience with them in December. We learned how to play one of

the favorites of the Woodsedge residents: Rummikub. In turn, we shared our love of Apples to Apples, Bananagrams, and several other games. Sharing games, refreshments and special stories makes for a great time for all no matter what their ages. (We've also enjoyed seeing our friends at Woodsedge during food pantry delivery afternoons.)

Speaking of the food pantry, K.A.N. is once again taking on the project of publicizing the Feinstein Foundation grant opportunity (at left), with the goal of making a difference in our local community. We'll be distributing a flyer through the schools, sending out public service announcements to local radio stations and print media, and making sure the information gets to Lansing area churches. The kids will also distribute donation cans to local businesses willing to put them out for the public.

We invite all 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders to join us for our K.A.N. meetings: March 7, April 18, May 2, and June 6. Meetings are held on those Sunday evenings from 4:00-5:30 PM in the Adult Sunday School classroom. Friends are welcome too! Please contact Bonnie Blair, [theblairs@tw-cny.rr.com](mailto:theblairs@tw-cny.rr.com), or Marilyn Paradise, 533-4070 for more information.—*Bonnie Blair*



**Planned Giving:**

**Generosity That Can Make a Difference**

In 2007 the Church Council pooled monies that had been donated to LUMC and established the Living Memorial Fund—our Church's 'planned giving' endowment fund that is currently valued at approximately \$10,000. Our hopes are that we as a Church can become intentional about growing that fund by educating ourselves about what an endowment fund could mean for supporting our Church's missions in the future—and how we can make donations to LUMC.

Different from annual pledging that supports our Church's yearly expenditures, planned giving is donating to our Church out of the accumulation of our material wealth that we have experienced as a result of God's many graces in our lives. This may include naming the church as a beneficiary of a trust or will.

On Sunday, April 11, our District Superintendent will be officiating at a Charge Conference here to establish a Permanent Endowment Committee whose job it would be to promote planned giving opportunities and to make investment recommendations to the Church Council. This Committee will be made up of the Pastor, Chairs of Finance and Church Council, the Church Treasurer, a Trustee, and three at-large Church members. Look for more information about this upcoming Charge Conference in upcoming Church bulletins.—*Ad Hoc Finance Committee on Planned Giving, Melissa Ferris, Grant Wilder, and David Frahm*

**Unexpected shortage in 2009 pledges**

	<b>2009 Budgeted</b>	<b>2009 Actual</b>	<b>% Actual to Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Pledges</b>	<b>\$235,652</b>	<b>\$214,959</b>	<b>91.2%</b>	<b>- \$20,693</b>

**Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive**

Here's a way you can support our Youth Mission team as they raise money for their next mission trip. On the third Sunday of each month, bring your deposit cans and bottles to the basketball hoop on the south side of the church. This month, the can and bottle drive is March 21.

**2009 Operating Budget Deficit**

The financial report for the past year is finished and now available on the table in the narthex outside the kitchen door. You can also call or email the office and ask to be mailed a copy.

**Summary:**

<b>Emergency Reserve (Operating funds carried over from 2008):</b>	<b>\$ 47,113</b>
<b>2009 Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 274,719</b>
<b>2009 Actual Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 292,096</b>
<b>Deficit in 2009</b>	<b>\$ -17,377</b>
<b>Balance in Emergency Reserve carried over into 2010:</b>	<b>\$29,736</b>

The biggest reason for the deficit this year is seen in the table below: an unexpected and unprecedented shortage of fulfilled pledges. Unlike 2009, in past years, pledge fulfillment has been in the range of 97–99 percent.

Obviously, some have suffered an unexpected loss of income during these difficult economic times. But if it just got away from you, it is not too late to have gifts applied to your 2009 giving. (Just write "apply to 2009 pledge" on the memo line of your check or include a note with your gift.) Thank you.—*Dave Stoyell, on behalf of the Finance Committee*



**UMCOR in Haiti**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief opened a field

office in Port-au-Prince as part of a five-year plan to help rebuild Haiti after the January 12 earthquake.

Working with the Eglise Méthodiste d'Haiti as well as the U.N. and other local and international partners, UMCOR will plan a relief and recovery strategy, hiring five staff members in the Port-au-Prince. UMCOR coordinated food distribution in Mellier and Petit-Goave.

During the recovery phase, which is expected to run through next February, UMCOR will respond to needs for homes, schools, clinics and churches, along with jobs. The rehabilitation phase will likely stretch through 2015 and will offer assistance for both physical reconstruction and economic development, as well as rebuilding health, education and other systems.

Plans are set to prepare for United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (VIM) teams. Volunteer projects and programs are being developed to align with UMCOR's plan. Volunteers and teams may fill out a registration [form](#).

**How to Help**

Support LUMC's Haiti relief efforts, or those of UMCOR. A team from LUMC worked in Haiti the week of February 14-20. As of February 12, upstate New York churches had donated \$110,303 for Haiti Relief and United Methodists nationwide had donated over \$11 million. Gifts to support UMCOR's relief efforts in Haiti can be made online by visiting [www.umcorhaiti.org](http://www.umcorhaiti.org). You can also write a check to LUMC, specifying UMCOR (Advance #418325), on the memo line of your check. If you want to direct your Haiti emergency support to the LUMC relief efforts, just write Haiti on the memo line.—*Compiled from reports by Kathy Gilbert, Linda Unger, and Pastor Jeff Childs*

**One Great Hour of Sharing**

**March 14**

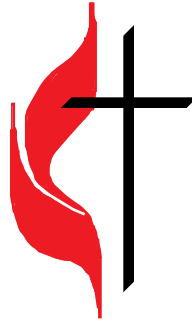
When the earthquake struck Haiti, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) was already there, and immediately could start the work of recovery. The source of this miracle is **One Great Hour of Sharing**, a special offering that will be received on March 14. One Great Hour of Sharing began with the Episcopal Church in 1946 and was adopted by other denominations in 1949.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering provides critical basic support for UMCOR, which receives no Methodist apportionments. Gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business," and its ongoing missions. Because this offering covers the overhead, we can continue a special policy for the donations that you made to Haiti or other missions: 100 percent of every dollar you donate to a specific UMCOR project goes directly to that project. UMCOR never deducts any home office administrative expenses from your Advance giving. Thus, with One Great Hour of Sharing, UMCOR can be on the scene where people most need help, just as it was in Haiti. So, be part of this 60-year tradition with a gift to One Great Hour of Sharing on March 14. -gw

**Prayer Concerns**

Mia Avramis  
Betty and Michelle DiPrimio  
Cindy and Diana, friends of Butmans  
Gerry, Karenlee Marquis's mother  
Alfred and Janet Passmore  
Helen Stoll

Mourning families of Erwin Heffron  
(DeForest's brother) and of Melody Lombardo's grandmother



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