



Please join us for  
Worship in the Park, 9:30 AM, month of July

# The Sunbeam

July 2010

**Lansing United Methodist Church**  
[lansingunited.org](http://lansingunited.org)

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**Vacation Bible School**  
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## A Final Note from Pastor Bill

We would like to thank everyone for the incredible farewell reception last month. It was everything we hoped it would be: good friends, good food and good conversation. A big thank you to Karen Veaner, Kristen Burt, and the members of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

The people of this congregation have blessed us in countless ways. It has been a good seven years. Thank you for your friendship and your example of faith. Our role in your lives has changed, but our appreciation and affection for you remains steady and true. You and Pastor Jane will be in our prayers as you make this transition; we are grateful to be in yours.

Your friends,  
Bill, Dori, Tasha and Alisha Gottschalk-Fielding

P.S. Our new address: 1937 Amnaste Lane, Marcellus, NY 13108. Bill's new email: [BillG-F@unyumc.org](mailto:BillG-F@unyumc.org)

## Summer Picnics

Except for brunch in the park, gather about 6:00, eat about 6:30 or so. Bring a chair, a dish to pass, and meat to grill (if you want). Hosts provide beverages and a hot fire. Rain or shine.

July 11: Myers Park brunch following worship to welcome Pastor Jane

July 29: Rich and Kay Moore, 575 Auburn Rd.

August 10: Glenn and Diane Withiam, 1196 Ridge Rd. (34B)

August 26: Hillis Wilson and Susan Wilson, 136 Searles Rd.

## Become a Greeter

Do you like to smile? Do you like meeting new people? Are you ready to be an ambassador for Christ? Then consider being a **greeter** at the 9:00 AM Sunday service!

We will need two adults each Sunday, to arrive at the church between 8:15 and 8:30 AM to meet and greet people (especially newcomers!) in the narthex, making all who enter our doors feel the warm welcome, and escorting them to seats if needed. LUMC is known for showing those attending our services. If you are interested in signing up for one Sunday every two months, please contact *Mary Adie* at [mea36@cornell.edu](mailto:mea36@cornell.edu).

## Summer music

If you would like to participate in summer music at the park services in July, please contact *Art Loomis*. If you would like to make a musical offering at services in August, please contact *Diane Withiam*.

**Pick-up choir.** There will be a pick-up choir on some of the Sundays in August. Diane will lead on August 1. Singers arrive a half hour before worship, pick up a piece of music, and prepare a musical offering for the service that morning. Pick-up choir is open to all ages. Watch for scheduling notices. (If you would like to lead a pick-up choir, please contact Diane—[diane.withiam@gmail.com](mailto:diane.withiam@gmail.com).)

**Help!** Kids' musicals use wooden boxes for various purposes. One of the boxes is covered in carpet, but four more would benefit from the same treatment. If you would like a summer project covering wooden boxes with carpet, please contact *Diane Withiam*. (Note: The carpet has taken up storage space for so long that if this does not happen, the carpet will be discarded.)

## Worship in July

We will meet at 9:30 AM in Lansing Town Park in Myers.

**July 4**, Pavilion G, this Sunday only

**July 11**, Pavilion D. Pastor Jane's first

Sunday. Sermon: "Hello, my name is..."

Amos 7: 7-17 and Colossians 1: 1-14.

Dish to pass welcome reception follows.

**July 18**—Pavilion D. Sermon: "The Better

Part." Amos 8: 1-12 and Luke 10: 38-42

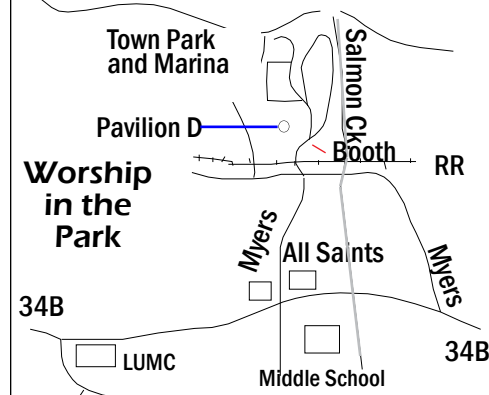
**July 25**—Pavilion D. Sermon: "Knock,

knock...who's there?" Colossians 2:

6-15, Luke 11: 1-13

## Where to Find 9:30 Worship in the Park

Cayuga Lake. Turn around if you get this far. North (roughly speaking)



From church, go downhill on 34B to the four corners by the Middle School. Turn left on Myers Rd. downhill. Go straight at the stop sign, and cross the RR tracks. Bear right into Myers Park and then left after the booth. You don't have to pay to enter the park for this purpose. Look left for the LUMC banner.

## Prayer Requests

New Concerns:

Mourning family of Jim Howell

Bob Lehto and his family, friends of Susan Wilson

Continued Concerns:

Patrick Bishop

Deb, friend of the Butmans

Essie Gatewood

Tim Karcher, friend of the Alexander family

Paul Lutomski, father of Sharon Bowman's

daughter-in-law, Amy

Joshua Marlette, grandson of Cheryl Dykeman-Loveless

Ellen Palladino

Alfred & Janet Passmore, friends of the Butmans

Sarah, friend of the Yahn family

Jake Schafer, nephew of Mike & Diane Schafer

## Set Coordinates for "Galactic Blast"

Don't miss the fun at Vacation Bible School, July 19–23, from 6:00 to 8:15 each night! Preregister now for "Galactic Blast" using forms available at the church office or on the church website. (You'll get a great head start with the energetic praise music when you register because we have music CDs for registered families!) We'll be forming mission crews of kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade, including our friends from All Saints Church and anyone you'd like to bring along for the adventure. We'll be gathering on the Starship

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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

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Mens' Breakfast  
at Linda's in North Lansing  
7:00

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Worship 9:30  
Lansing Town Park at Myers  
Pavilion G

The United States of America  
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Free and Independent for  
234 years

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Staff Parish 7:00

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Quilt Bee 9:30

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Men's Breakfast 7:00  
  
Blood Drive 8:30-2:00

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Worship 9:30

Lansing Town Park at Myers  
Pavilion D

Dish to Pass Reception for Pastor Jane  
Sautter, following worship

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Trustees 7:30

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Quilt Bee 9:30

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SUNBEAM DEADLINE  
12:00 Midnight

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00

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Worship 9:30

Lansing Town Park at Myers  
Pavilion D

Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive

Ice Cream Social at Scoops 6:00

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Mobile Food Pantry 10:00

Haiti Committee 7:00

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Quilt Bee 9:30

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00

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Worship 9:30

Lansing Town Park at Myers  
Pavilion D

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Food Pantry 3:00

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Quilt Bee 9:30

Finance 7:00

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Church Picnic 6:00  
Rich and Kay Moore  
575 Auburn Road

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00

## An Update on Youth Ministries

This spring was another busy one for our youth. We started off the year with some fun events; the boys headed up to Syracuse for an afternoon of laser tag, and the girls had a Twilight night, where we watched the first “Twilight” movie and talked about its plot and impact on our culture.

In February, we put together some gift baskets for different LUMC members, and did some great sledding one afternoon during Winter Break. The Confirmation process started off great as well, with 6 youth participating and being confirmed this spring. This program included a 7-session study of the book of Luke with a parent, an overnight retreat, and a 4-session study with an adult mentor. We’ve also had Ukrainian Egg Decorating, a flashlight egg hunt, a VeggieTales marathon, a Sr. High “Night at the YMCA,” a Jr. High Lock-In, helped a lot at the Rummage Sale, and have many youth active in the Fireplace service. Phew! That’s a lot! We’ve also continued our Sr. High gatherings on Thursday evenings, which have drawn anywhere from 8-16 youth this spring. Several kids invite their friends, so our group keeps growing (and stretching the limits of the Ludlowville Room).

Our youth, of course, aren’t just involved in church activities, but also...go to school for at least 7 hours a day, 5 days a week, have at least a couple hours of homework each night, play several different school sports, play several different community sports, play and sing in school bands and choirs, are active in the school dramas and musicals, are Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and take college-level classes. In short, they’re busy—much busier than I was when I was their age. As such, they need all the love and support

we can offer: so when you catch a glimpse of a teenager here or there, give them a hug and let them know how much you appreciate seeing them around. The more they know they’re appreciated, the more they’ll want to stay involved at LUMC: not because they “have” to, but because they want to.

—Kevin Dunn,  
Coordinator of Youth Ministries

## Off to Camp!

In June I once again went off to Casowasco for another summer of fun with teens and God on the beautiful shores of Owasco Lake. This year, I’ll be doing something a little different than I have before: acting as the “Spiritual Life Coordinator.” This is a new position as of last summer, and primarily involves assisting counselors with Bible Studies and “Morning Watch” morning devotions, helping to plan and execute the Evening Chapel services, and being a liaison to the visiting weekly chaplains. Throughout this spring, I’ve also worked to enhance the curriculum, its various themes, and work on fitting them into our Chapel environment.

What kinds of things do we do at camp? Well, all of the usual “camp”y things—playing lots of games, swimming, boating, campfires, s’mores, singing, archery, challenge course—the list goes on and on! But we also have Bible Studies and Evening Chapel services, where we discuss a theme through song, dance, skits, video clips, and other creative ways.

A week at camp is like no other experience your child can have: being surrounded by lots of loving adults (staff-to-camper ratios are 1:3), having fun in a gorgeous surrounding that God created (swimming,

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## Off to Camp (concluded)

hiking, stargazing, Blobbing)... well, it just doesn’t get much better than that. The influence and impact that camp can have on youth is huge: a staff member has more opportunities to spend time with a child during one week of camp than any other adults will have throughout the rest of the year in activities here at LUMC. I strongly urge you—if your children aren’t signed up for camp, please, please, please consider doing so. Remember: financial assistance is available from LUMC. We don’t want money to stand in the way.

This ministry doesn’t just belong to the summer staff, though—it belongs to you! Aldersgate, Casowasco, and now Skye Farm (in the Adirondacks), Camp Findley (in Clymer), Camp Asbury (in Silver Lake), and Sky Lake (in Windsor) are supported in part through our apportionments to the Upper New York Conference, and this ministry could not survive without the volunteers that come from all over to help. Lansing is about half an hour from Casowasco, and is in a prime position to help in a variety of ways. I hope that you will strongly consider volunteering some time this summer at Aldersgate or Casowasco. Please call Shelby at 315-364-8756 to ask questions and get more information.

I also hope that you’ll keep the staffs and campers of all six United Methodist camping sites in Upper New York in your prayers this summer: pray for safety, pray for lots of fun and laughs, and pray that the lives of all the young people who visit these holy grounds are changed by the love and glory of God.

I look forward to coming back to LUMC and seeing you all again at the end of August!

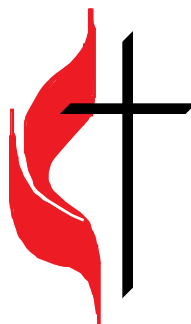
—Kevin Dunn

## VBS (concluded from page 3)

Galactic Praise for an unforgettable week of Bible learning, crafts, games, fantastic music and tasty treats. To celebrate the week, we’ll end with an ice cream social for the VBS families on Friday evening at All Saints Parish Hall. Please contact *Marilyn Paradise* or *Bonnie Blair* (257-0721) for more information.

## Please start saving your quarters—VBS Mission Project

Every year our VBSers contribute to a mission project to make our community and world a better place—more like God intended. This time, our space-theme Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School led us to look back at our earth from outer space at Hispanola, the island that hosts the countries of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. When you look down on that island, you see the right part looks green from space, while the left part is gray. That gray part is the problem: Where are the trees in Haiti? (They were torn out for sugar plantations long ago.) To make a long story short, our Haiti Committee is engaged in a reforestation and education project that is beginning to show promise. The VBS kids will have a chance to learn about those efforts and contribute—every quarter plants a tree, but more important those two bits plant understanding on how important those trees are to the future of Haiti. One idea to generate donations is to set aside the money you get back for deposit can and bottles between now and VBS. At our church services and during VBS, we’ll be setting out a “tree” to put donations in. If you’d like to join in, please look for the donation box on Sundays and throw in some spare change or slips for deposit cans and bottles. Every bit (tree) counts!—Bonnie Blair



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