



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

The Sunbeam October 2011

Lansing United Methodist Church
lansingunited.org

Pastor: Jane Sautter • Program Associate: Marilyn Paradise • Youth Coordinator: Kevin Dunn

C o m e j o i n i n !



CROP Walk

October 2

A Time for...

There's a saying that the only things that are "certain" are death and taxes. I think we could add change to the list! We know that we cannot stop the seasons from changing or stop time from marching on. Somehow, we think that if nothing changed, life would be perfect. But even the Psalmists knew that change was inevitable... take a look at Psalm 46: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult" (v. 1-3 NRSV). So when we encounter change, we need not fear, but trust in God throughout the process.

We at LUMC are facing some significant change. The departure of both Marilyn Paradise and Kevin Dunn will shake our foundations...especially since it is simultaneous. BUT, we are the people of God and

God will provide for us. We will have a period of adjustment. We will grieve the loss of two beloved co-workers in this particular vineyard. We will not find identical replacements. But we WILL weather this storm as we have weathered many others. Remember the shoes that were on the altar for Labor Day? I think it would be appropriate for both Kevin and Marilyn to leave a pair of shoes to remind us that their shoes will be hard to fill.

Change is never easy. I'm sure there will be many tears and lots of anxiety. But this is also a time to celebrate the gifts that Marilyn and Kevin have brought to LUMC and give thanks to God for the time they were able to spend with us. God is with us and we have nothing to fear.

Blessings,

Pastor Jane

Still Needed: Cleaning Bucket Materials

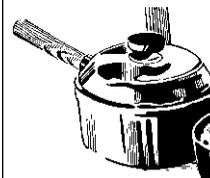
5 gallon bucket with resealable lid
Buckets from fast food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned.
Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner.

liquid laundry detergent two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottles only
liquid household cleaner
12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray cleaners)
dish soap—16-28 oz bottle any brand
1 can air freshener (aerosol or pump)
1 insect repellent spray
6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover
1 scrub brush (plastic or wooden handle)

18 cleaning wipes (handi wipes or reusable wipes—no terry cleaning towels)
7 sponges*
5 scouring pads*
50 clothespins*
clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.—cotton or plastic)*
24 roll heavy duty trash bags*
5 dust masks
2 pair disposable waterproof gloves (rubber or latex)*
1 pair work gloves (cotton or leather)

Only materials as specified, please. *Items should be in original packaging until they are actually put in the buckets, when packaging is discarded. Leave items at Church. Thank you.

It's Peanut Brittle time



Yes, it is Peanut brittle time and *your help is needed* to carry on this LUMC tradition! Cooks, pullers, and packers will enjoy good

friends, lots of laughs and a delicious lunch. Check the Narthex bulletin board for the sign up sheet and add your name.

October 19: 9am-9pm
October 20: 9am-9pm
October 21: 9am- until

Questions...Jan Reeves 533-4693,
Fannie Welch 533-4664,
Dot Buckley, 533-4289
P.S. We still need metal and plastic coffee cans.

Fall Rummage Sale

Friday, October 14, and Saturday, October 15.
Volunteers are needed from **Saturday, October 8, through Saturday, October 15.**

We need volunteers! Sign-up sheets for the sale are up on the Narthex bulletin board. We also need donations and help for Café Rummage, so look for the sign up sheets in the kitchen.

Paper grocery bags for shoppers, empty plastic gallon jugs with caps and handles, masking tape, plastic grocery bags, black markers, or medium-sized boxes, will be helpful donations.

Mostly we need your help for an hour or more, depending on your time availability. Please volunteer! LUMC's rummage sale is a major community event that helps "recycle" clothes and stuff from people who don't need or want them to people who do.

Prayer Requests

Betty Butler, Sharon Bowman's mother
Ev Davis
Ev Hogben
Grey Larison
Tim Myers and family, son of Sam and Nancy Myers
Elnora Trainor

Mourning families of Marty and Joe Trinkl



Get "Fired Up" at the Fireplace in October

The Fireplace Contemporary Service has a theme of getting "fired up" for the month of October.

Here's the schedule:

October 2: It Only Takes a Spark
October 9: This Little Light of Mine (at All Saints Church this week only due to the rummage sale)
October 16: Hide It Under a Bushel? No!
October 23: Caution! May Be Flammable!
October 30: Pass It On (bonfire in parking lot)
Fireplace service starts at 6:00 each Sunday night.

Justice: Answering God's Call to Protect Children

Surely one of God's greatest blessings is our children. Jesus said "Let the children come to me." (Mark 10:14) Every child is a child of God. Glancing around church on a Sunday morning you will see that the children play a vital role in the worship service as they eagerly participate as greeters, acolytes, and ushers. We as a congregation are blessed to have their presence among us.

On Sunday, October 30, we celebrate Children's Sabbath. The Children's Sabbath is sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), guided by a multi-faith advisory committee, and endorsed by hundreds of denominations and religious organizations. The National Observance of Children's Sabbath began in 1992 by celebrating children as sacred gifts of God. The yearly event provides congregations with a reminder to renew their commitment to care, protect, and advocate for all children. The CDF's Leave No Child Behind mission is "to ensure every child a healthy start, a head start, a fair start, a safe start and a moral start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities." During worship, as we sing, pray, and hear God's word, we are reminded that it is our sacred responsibility to protect all of our children. The theme for this year's Children's Sabbath is "Justice: Shall You Pursue Answering God's Call to Protect Children." Millions of children are living in poverty, and they need us to create change today. Creating a better world for children today brings hope and a better tomorrow for all of us.



Let the little children come to me....

Here at LUMC, on Children's Sabbath we also celebrate Bible Sunday. Bibles are presented to children in the third grade during the worship service. We are asking parents to please let us know by calling the church office if you would like your child to receive a Bible. We will sponsor Faith in Books Weekend. If every family could bring a children's book to church on that Sunday, we would be able to fill the Little Red Bookshelf crate. The books that we collect will be distributed at the Food Pantry and we would be helping local children. God created and cared for the little children. It is our responsibility to care for His precious creation. God Bless.—*Marilyn Paradise*

Transition

As many of you have heard by now, I have accepted a year-round position at Casowasco (one of our Conference's six Camp and Retreat Centers), and will no longer serve as the Coordinator of Youth Ministries here at LUMC.

I don't think I can fully express to you how much I've appreciated being a part of LUMC for almost five years now. It was late September of 2006 that I received a call telling me that there was a 'youth pastor' job available in Lansing, and I was excited as to what that experience would be like. I soon met with Pastor Bill, some youth, and other members of the congregation, and the following five years have been a wonderful experience living and working in the Lansing community. Whether it's through our crazy Junior High Lock-Ins, or our weekly Senior High Youth Group, or even just lounging around Café Rummage, the youth and adults I have met and connected with over the years have all been very special and have each profoundly touched me.

The congregation has also allowed me to continue spending summers at Casowasco,

where my life was changed as a teenager and where I had the opportunity to interact with all the youth from the Lansing area who attended summer camp there. This past summer at Casowasco I stepped into the role of Interim Assistant Director, supervising the overall operations of the site. My longtime experience was a huge asset, and an opportunity to serve in that position year-round has been offered to me. It was by no means an easy decision to make, but I feel that God is calling me to serve in this new way. My transition from Lansing will certainly be bittersweet, but I do plan on remaining involved in the short-term while the SPRC searches for a suitable candidate for my position.

While only half an hour away and knowing that I will continue to see you all from time to time, I also know that I will sincerely miss everyone that I have met here in Lansing. You have all influenced me and helped me grow, and I am truly grateful and appreciative for the opportunity to serve with you over the last five years.—*Kevin Dunn*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir 11:30</p> <p>K.A.N. at CROP Walk (Cass Park Ithaca) 2:00 Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00 Fireplace Praise Service 6:00</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Disciple Bible Study 12:30</p> <p>Staff Parish 7:00</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Senior High 7:00 Adult Study Group 7:00</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Mens' Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing 7:00</p> <p>Mens' Breakfast 7:00 8</p>
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<p>16</p> <p>Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal 11:30 Childrens Ministries 11:30</p> <p>Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive</p> <p>Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00 Fireplace Praise Service 6:00</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Disciple Bible Study 12:30</p> <p>Haiti Committee 7:00</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Peanut Brittle Setup 1:30</p> <p>Membership 7:00 Worship Committee 7:00</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00</p> <p>Peanut Brittle Bees—Yummm—9:00 AM each day</p>		<p>20</p> <p>Senior High 7:00 Adult Study Group 7:00</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Mens' Breakfast 7:00</p>
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<p>30</p> <p>CHILDREN'S SABBATH REFORMATION SUNDAY Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal 11:30 Fall Festival 4:00 Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00 Fireplace Praise Service 6:00</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Disciple Bible Study 12:30</p>	<p><i>October 2011</i></p>		<p>Note: This calendar is current as of September 26. For updates to all LUMC events, visit lansingunited.org, and check the bulletin when you're in church on Sunday.</p>		 <p>Lansing United Methodist Church</p>

Get Ready for the Fall Festival!

October 30 4:00 PM

The Famous LUMC Fall Festival is scheduled for October 30, with a bonus that you can stay for the Fireplace Service and enjoy an evening bonfire.

Activities include

- Hay ride
- Cider pressing
- Pumpkin painting
- Much more, stay tuned.
- Hot dog roast
- Stay for Fireplace Service, and
- Bonfire

Volunteers (notably, teens) are needed to assist younger children on the hay ride and other activities. See Jamey Jones for more information or if you'd like to help out.



Teamfox for Parkinson's disease

The "Hope for a Cure" walk-a-thon and Chicken Barbeque on August 20 was a great success. Sixty people came to walk the new 2.4 mile Lansing Trail and 400 halves of chicken were sold. Over \$6,000.00 was collected for the Michael J Fox (MJF) Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

After the money was sent off to MJF Foundation we received exciting news. Under the Brin Wojcicki Challenge which is now in effect, Sergey Brin and Anne Wojcicki will match all donations to MJF Foundation on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

This Challenge will increase the "Hope for a Cure" donations to over \$12,000 for Parkinson's Research!

Julie (Bowman) Hatfield, the Hoag family and myself, would like to thank all of you for your donations and support. We also like to extend a special thank you to Renee Sandsted, the LUMC Walk representative and to Mary Searles, our Walk-a-thon greeter.—*Sue (Hoag) Bowman*

K.A.N. Is Participating in the CROP Hunger Walk at Cass Park

Sunday, October 2

The K.A.N. kids will be walking in our area CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 2, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Cass Park. You can join the walk or make a donation to support our K.A.N. walkers. CROP supports hunger relief efforts locally and around the world. While walkers use the Cass Park trails, they will have great music (including the Vitamin L team), lots of educational materials on local hunger relief agencies at the pavilion, and a great walk. Proceeds help the Church World Service organization fight hunger around the world. Twenty-five percent of contributions collected at LUMC will go to our Lansing Food Pantry. This is critical, as our food pantry is busier than ever, with new people coming for help each month.

You can donate or signup at www.cropwalkonline.org/ithacany. To support the K.A.N. team, click on "Donate," then "I want to Support a Team", and then on "Donate Now" next to "Kids in Action Now" on the list. Simple! Also simple: donate by check or cash by placing your contribution into the collection plate with a memo designating the money for CROP Walk, or see a member of K.A.N. during Fellowship time after the Sunday morning service on October 2 before the walk.—*Bonnie Blair*



Flooding updates from the UNY Area - Third Update

As of September 19:
Binghamton District

The Binghamton District has established several safe operations sites and is ready to schedule people and groups to do basic clean-up work immediately. The Binghamton District Disaster Coordinator is John Conklin, a member of the Whittemore Hill UMC of Owego. VIM team leaders and volunteers can reach him at (607) 725-7836 (cell) or (607) 785-7328.

Sidney Area

The United Methodist Volunteer and Supply Coordinator is the Rev. Peggi Eller, working with Ed Hitchcock. Reach Eller at peggieller@gmail.com or (607) 321-1155; reach Hitchcock at ehitchcock@stny.rr.com or (607) 563-3106.

Schoharie Area

Schoharie County highly recommends a tetanus shot or booster (TDaP) for all volunteers working in the cleanup.

United Methodist Coordinator Rev. Carol Coltrain can be reached at ccoltrain@midtel.com. The Schoharie Reformed Church is the volunteer and supply headquarters. You can walk in to volunteer, or call (518) 390-2811 or (518) 390-8826. Volunteers are asked to bring their own tools, sturdy shoes or boots, and bug repellent.

Needed supplies include: heavy-duty facemasks (N95 grade), plastic storage bins, heavy-duty metal rakes, push brooms, battery-operated lights and headlamps; tarps, bleach, power washers, and generators.

Note: Marcia Lynch is coordinating LUMC relief efforts, so contact her for more information.

Mission Trip to White Swan, Washington, on the Yakama Nation

Note: Pastor Jane, Skip and Holly Hardie, Kathleen Wadell, and I went on a work trip to the Yakama Nation in August. Here's a little about our trip based on my notes. Thanks to all who offered support for this trip—*gw*

Sunday, August 7. We drove out to White Swan, and marveled at the rich agriculture in this valley, which is watered by the Columbia River and would otherwise be all sagebrush.

We arrived at the Disciples of Christ church and found—no one. We had little choice but to wait, and eventually a church bus from the UCC in Forest Grove, Oregon, appeared, delivering our co-worker team of 13 teenagers and five adults. Dave Bell, our host, also appeared and gave us a quick orientation to the mission situation. They invited us to grab bunks in what was the sanctuary and adjoining space of the former church, now fitted with bunks for 20 people. The Disciples no longer use the mission for church services, and it hosts visiting work teams.

Monday, August 8. After the usual Monday morning confusion about how to organize work teams, we sorted people out as follows: one group would go to sand dry-wall to help finish an apartment damaged by the fire, one group would paint a house, one group would go to the Bells' farm to trim goat hoofs do and other chores, and our group would go to build a small deck and ramp for a mobile home.

Holly, two teens (Brent and Brian), and I went to work on the deck. It took a long time to get the posts square, plumb, and level, but we did it. Presently, the painting crew appeared. They hadn't been far away, but they reported that the painting had already

been done. That may be a first on all my work trips (being sent to do a job that was already done, that is). They were finally given the job of digging post holes where a tree had smashed about half of a four-foot-high anchor fence (maybe 25 or 30 feet gone).

However, the only shovel and post hole digger were those we were using to position the concrete piers for the deck. This shortage (or mislocation) of tools was kind of a theme for the week.

Meantime, we cut, erected, and cross braced the deck supports. When we stopped we were in a position to finish the deck and ramp tomorrow.

Tuesday, August 9. We were much more organized about getting our teams together (either reshuffling personnel or not) and then...

The people who dug the postholes had to fill them in, at least partially, because they made the holes too big. Well, they were using a shovel, after all. The sanding people waited two hours for more mud, and when it came it was "hot mud," which they did not know how to use. And our group arrived to finish the deck, only to discover that the job was cancelled because the tribe had granted the homeowners a new FEMA trailer, and our deck wasn't needed. The farm people had a good enough day, although their tasks involved shoveling bedding and digging up a leaky pipe. After finding out that Skip is a farmer, Dave had asked him to put a hay bailer back together.

After awhile I was assigned with Kathleen and Brian to continue cleaning out the former parsonage. Holly and Brent went off

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White Swan, concluded

to demolish half of a shed that had been burned. The ranch-style house we were working on had been gutted with the idea that it could eventually be a meeting space. I got the job of digging up what was left of the water service pipe under the house. Through a misunderstanding, a previous crew had cut the galvanized pipe. I was going to dig to find an elbow where we could take the line apart. Fortunately, the frost line at White Swan is not that far down. I only had about 18 inches to dig out.

I should mention about digging here. This is the most delightful place to dig I have ever seen. The soil is easily friable and there are no rocks. Not even stones, at least where I dug.

We did have a local visitor from the Hispanic community this evening. A woman came in and showed the group how to make tortillas from masa with a press. After dinner she stayed for questions. Abby (one of the Oregon teens) did an excellent job translating. Our guest is a picker and makes not a lot of money. She said that orchard conditions have improved but are not great.

Wednesday, August 10. We had a good day. We went to Toppenish to the Yakama cultural center and museum.

After lunch, we did some work. Skip was asked to finish the fence (of filled-in hole fame) and I joined him. By this time, the posts were set in concrete, so we just had to put on the top bar and figure out now to connect the new fabric. Brent had the brilliant suggestion of weaving the fence back together, which worked beautifully.

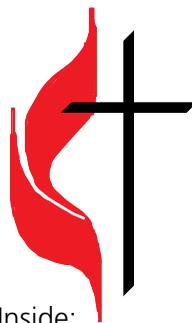
After the fence was done, they asked us to go to the apartment where our team had been sanding the drywall for the past couple

of days. Our assigned task was to "texture" the wall. This involves taking a hopper full of glop and shooting it onto the wall surfaces, using an airgun. Noisy, and kind of fun, actually, but I cannot conceive of why you'd do such a thing, especially after spending all that time sanding the mud.

We then hit a high point of the week. We were asked to assist at a community event called "Night Out," which involved several community groups with tables, crafts for kids, a recognition of soldiers and veterans lost in the past year (with a "memory walk" one lap around the high school track, and a track meet for all comers (including a stroller division). The Forest Grove kids worked the craft tables with the little kids and organized the track meet, among other things. Honestly, I'm not sure how it would have gone without the kids' participation.

Thursday, August 11. We continued our momentum from last night's event by ditching other projects in favor of helping Willard. This was the kind of project we had come to do. Willard was trying to get a house fixed up for his grandchildren, following his daughter's death from alcoholism. The house was very run down with a ton of trash in the yard.

We picked up the trash and eventually hauled it to the dump, about an hour away. Meantime, the team helped Willard paint the rooms. We weren't done by quitting time, but we had moved things ahead so that Willard had a shot at getting the place done. The mission is set up so that groups work Monday through Thursday, so, the next day, Friday, we said our goodbyes and went our separate ways.—*gw*



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**RUMMAGE SALE
OCTOBER 14 AND 15**

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