



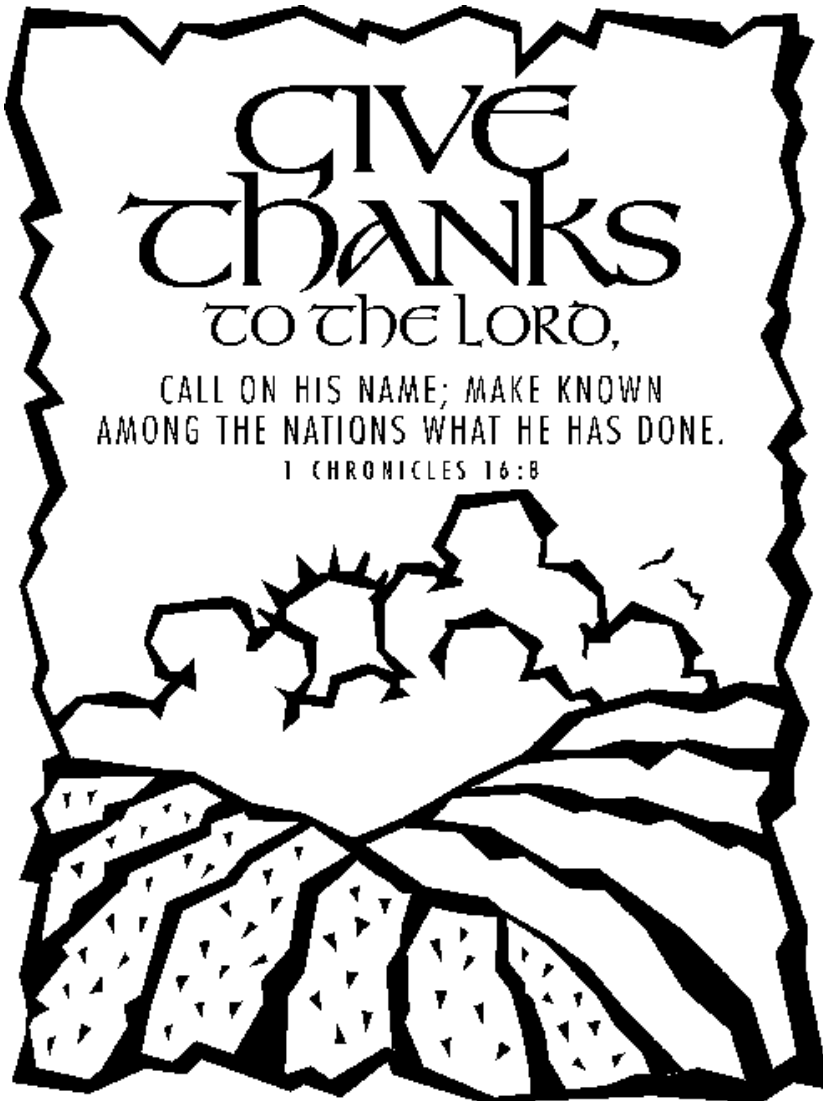
Please join us for
Worship at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM; Sunday school 10:30 AM

The Sunbeam

November 2011

Lansing United Methodist Church
lansingunited.org

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



From the Pastor

Sharing Good News

In the Wednesday prayer service this morning, we were discussing the prevalence of bad news in the world. Every time we turn on the television or pick up a newspaper, we are inundated with stories of pain and tragedy...a seemingly unending stream. I challenged the group to spend the next week looking for good news, an uplifting story, a “puff of joy” to share at our next gathering.

To give an example, I shared this story from a friend in Camden which I saw on Facebook. Last weekend Phoenix and Homer high schools played each other in football. As you may have heard, one of the Phoenix players died during the game... which hit both schools very hard. Homer has been wearing the orange and black colors of the Phoenix Firebirds this week. As I wrote

this message, I heard the report that the Phoenix team is done for the season. When Homer played Camden, the Phoenix team planned to be there to support Homer. What a wonderful sharing of support and love.

It is frustrating to know that even though this type of thing is happening every day, the public rarely hears about it. We know that folks are supporting one another in all of life’s ups and downs; that good deeds are being done and that God’s light is shining all around. Let us “shout from the mountain-tops” all the good news that is happening around us!

*Blessings,
Pastor Jane*



Fireplace Service Schedule

November 6: An interactive service:

What makes you thankful?

November 13: What do we learn about thankfulness from those who have little?

November 20: Being thankful even in bad times

Don't Miss

The Sixth Annual Haiti Dessert Auction

On **Sunday, November 20**, auctioneer Charlie Cuykendall will once again auction off delicious desserts made by Lansing’s finest bakers. Serve them that night or freeze them for the holidays. At 11:45 AM, participants may taste all of the desserts for a \$5.00 donation. Hot dogs and beverages will be available. At 12:15 PM, the auction begins with a fresh set of baked goods. Proceeds from the auction will support LUMC’s missionary projects in Banique and Verrettes. It’s a family event, it’s fun, and it supports two education programs in Haiti.

Haiti Students in Dominican Republic Need Your Help

Our Haiti University program is in jeopardy and we need your help. As you may recall, the earthquake in Haiti meant that our five university students had to move to the Dominican Republic to continue their studies. The good news here is that they will have successfully completed their first year in November. Your prayers and financial contributions have made this possible. However, due to high tuition, rent and food, and book costs, we are unable to meet their expenses for the next session.

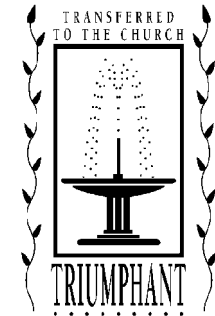
The amount is substantial, but we have faith that the need can be met. The cost for each student is \$4,310, for a total of \$21,550. Here is something that we can do to make things better in Haiti.

Donations to the university program can be made by writing a check to LUMC–Haiti with “university students” written in the memo line.—*Judy Hinderliter for the Haiti Committee*

Prayer Requests

Shannon Bowers
Bill Cruikshank
Tim Myers
Damon Rodnac
Harry Smith
Elnora Trainor

Mourning family of Madalyn Pollock
(Victor Rendano’s stepmother)



Remembering Our Saints

On November 6, All Saints Sunday, we will remember the saints who have left us in the past year, and we also will have a memorial cloth with the names of saints who we wish to remember. Please feel free to add the name of your saint when you see the cloth.

To Serve With All Your Strength

Christians are supposed to be different,” says author Fran Sciacca in his book *To Serve With All Your Strength*. We, as Christians, are called to grow in our faith on the inside and bring the message into the world on the outside.

The **adult Sunday School** will study this book and Ed LaVigne will lead the discussion on November 13. Sciacca is the Director of Hands of Hur, a Bible-teaching ministry whose vision and mission is to revitalize and strengthen existing Christian ministries. The essence of his philosophy is that becoming an “authentic” Christian is a life-long process. And as we progress along this path, we are challenged to personally examine our lives if we try to live according to God’s Word. Sciacca invites his readers to a place of “inner” change where, guided by the Holy Spirit, we become Christ-like and learn to serve God with all our strength. He says, “The book challenges you to think and live outside of your comfort zone- like Christ, who lived outside of the comfort zone all the time!” In class, we may discuss what the Bible says about such issues as—the measure

of success, ministry as a lifestyle, the power of commitment, and ministering to the “least of these.” Please join us in the double classroom for these two sessions which will hopefully encourage us to take a look at where we are in our faith and make the necessary changes for personal growth.

The **Children’s Sunday School** is beginning a new unit entitled “Building The Tabernacle.” The story comes from the Book of Exodus where God instructs Moses to have the people build a sanctuary. The sanctuary in biblical times was called the Tabernacle and it was designed to be disassembled and moved as the people wandered through the wilderness. The Tabernacle, a sacred place to worship, symbolized the presence of God with the people of God. It also served as the covenant between God and His people. The Hebrew people gave their possessions, time, and skills to build the Tabernacle. The children will learn that even today, we are called to share our possessions, our skills and our time to serve God through His church.

God Bless—*Marilyn Paradise*

Southern Tier Flood Update

Work teams from LUMC will soon be organized, so watch for details. Marcia Lynch is working with Greg Forrester, who is the conference coordinator for work teams. Most of the work still involves mucking out, so donations are still welcome for the flood buckets. Other Church World Service kits are also more than welcome, as the recovery work continues.

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.

Church World Service Kits

It’s always a good time to bring in supplies for the Church World Service Kits. As you read elsewhere in this Sunbeam, the baby kits are particularly helpful in Haiti and now in the Southern Tier, as well as other locations that have suffered disasters. Remember, the only rule is, no substitutions.

Baby Kit

- Six cloth diapers
- Two T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
- Two washcloths
- Two gowns or sleepers
- Two diaper pins
- One sweater or sweatshirt
- Two receiving blankets (one can be a hand-knitted or crocheted baby blanket)

Note that all items should be new.

Shipping is a real expense these days, so donations of \$2 per kit for shipping would be most helpful.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



**Lansing
United
Methodist
Church**

*November
2011*

1 ALL SAINTS DAY

2 Prayer Service 9:00
Women's Bible Study 9:30

Bell Choir 6:00
Choir 7:00

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Adult Study Group 7:00
Senior High 7:00

4

Women of Faith in Rochester

5 Men's Breakfast at Linda's in
North Lansing 7:00
Prayer Shawl and Caregivers
Ministry 10:00

Set Clocks Back Tonight
Eat Pancakes in the Morning

6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Worship 9:00 Eastern Standard Time
Sunday School 10:30
Junior Choir 11:30

K.A.N. 4:00

Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00
Fireplace Praise Service 6:00

7 Disciple Bible Study 12:30

Staff Parish 7:00

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Church Council 7:00

9 Prayer Service 9:00
Women's Bible Study 9:30

Choir 7:00

10

Adult Study Group 7:00
Senior High 7:00



12 Mens' Breakfast 7:00

Harvest Bazaar 2:00
Dinner 4:00

13 Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30
Junior Choir Rehearsal 11:30
Children's Ministries 11:30

Fireplace Planning 3:30
Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00
Fireplace Praise Service 6:00
Youth Mission at All Saints 7:15

14 Food Pantry 10:00
Prayer Service
at Woodsedge 11:00
Disciple Bible Study 12:30

Trustees 7:00

15 Membership 7:00
Worship Committee 7:30
SUNBEAM DEADLINE
12:00 Midnight

16 Prayer Service 9:00
Women's Bible Study 9:30

Bell Choir 6:00
Choir 7:00

17

Adult Study Group 7:00
Senior High 7:00

18

19 Mens' Breakfast 7:00

Youth Mission Fundraiser
Turkey Trot 7:45

20 Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30
Christmas Pageant Planning 10:30
Junior Choir Rehearsal 11:30

Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive
Haiti Dessert Auction 11:45
Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00
Fireplace Praise Service 6:00

21 Disciple Bible Study 12:30

Food Pantry 3:00
Haiti Committee 7:00
Community Thanksgiving Service
Choir Rehearsal at LUMC 7:00

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Community Thanksgiving Service
at LUMC 7:00

23 Prayer Service 9:00
Church Office Closed

24 THANKSGIVING
Turkey Trot 9:00

25 Church Office Closed

26 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
Blood Drive 8:30-2:00

27 First Sunday in Advent
Worship 9:00

28 Disciple Bible Study 12:30

29

30 Prayer Service 9:00
Women's Bible Study 9:30

Bell Choir 6:00
Choir 7:00

December 1
Senior High 7:00

December 2
Greening of the Church
Preparation 6:00

Note: This calendar is
current as of October 20. For
updates to all LUMC events,
visit lansingunited.org, and
check the bulletin when
you're in church on Sunday.



Five Months In: A Better Understanding

by Sarah Sandsted

I've only blink-
ed, and five
months have al-
ready passed me
by. Being back
in Haiti full time
has its endless
frustrations and
hurdles, but I
wouldn't trade
my days here for
any other oppor-
tunity. Everyday
I am reminded of why I fell in love with
the people of Haiti, and why this place is so
hauntingly beautiful.



My work in Les Cayes in 2009 was very
far removed from the inner workings of
Haitian politics, the hustle and bustle of the
capital city, UMCOR, UMVIM, and most
important, the Methodist Church of Haiti
(EMH). Everything I thought I knew about
these systems has transformed into a more
complete and thorough understanding. I feel
like I am right in the middle of a powerful
movement to make a positive change in this
country, and I am both humbled and over-
whelmed.

The task that we have before us is daunt-
ing, and the barriers to success can be dis-

appointing and aggravating. There are days
when the struggles bring me to tears: lack
of accountability, a lack of understanding of
our work, a deteriorated infrastructure, resis-
tance from mission teams and their leaders,
highly emotional responses, pushback from
the EMH, endless need, learning to say no
when you could say yes. It can feel like you
are in it too deep, and there's no turning
back.

You might wonder why I feel compelled
to stay, in the face of all these challenges, and
make no mistake: living here is living the
problems every single day. But, remember
this, as I am incessantly reminded: God is
here, and our work is to His glory. The lives
that our teams are touching through their
work on the ground, whether it be through
earthquake rebuilding, or community de-
velopment, is changing communities for the
better. Their work reinforces the foundation
of an establishment that has been present in
Haiti long before any of us even dreamed
of stepping foot on the ground. Change has
to come through the Church, and I am so
proud to be working through a system that
empowers their leadership at the local level.
For better or worse, EMH is calling the
shots, and we are listening to their needs and

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Haiti Connection (concluded)

the needs of the local communities.

UMCOR's commitment to provide
matching funds for UMVIM teams has
taken the capacity of our work to a whole
new level, and the collaboration is a true
blessing as we are all working towards the
same result. Since the earthquake, UMCOR
has provided approximately \$560,000 to
UMVIM teams working on the ground
for reconstruction projects, and for over-
all community and church development. A
pilot housing project is being implemented
in Mellier and Carrefour -- the epicenter
of the earthquake -- where 40 new houses
will be built for landowners whose homes
turned to rubble on January 12, 2010. An
UMVIM Individual Volunteer is now work-
ing full time on the ground, alongside our
staff, investing his time in research for a
Guest House Staff Housing Project, to put a
proposal into UMCOR for funding. Some
of our very own staff have been, up until re-
cently, living in tents, and we have been able
to work towards a solution for them, thanks
to the efforts of this collaboration.

The limitations of our work are beyond
our control, and can create for some confu-
sion among our volunteers. Why aren't we
building homes for those who are still living
in tents? Why are we building a security wall
when so many remain homeless? The answer
is not a simple one, and the reality of what
we are up against is something that I struggle
with every day. Most people who lost their
homes in the earthquake were renters, and
without any designated land to build on,
there is little that can be done by the Church
to respond to their housing needs. All we can
do is hope that the Government takes action,
and finds land that can be designated to pro-

vide these people permanent housing solu-
tions. In the meantime, we are responding
how we can, and with 160 teams since the
earthquake, 24 project sites at various stages
of completion, and UMCOR's unwavering
commitment to partner with other organi-
zations on the ground, already doing great
work, we are certainly on the right track.

Thank you all for your support over the
last five months. I know you are praying for
me and for the program, and I ask for your
continued prayers. Everyday I hope for the
strength I need to get through some of the
challenges that leave me feeling sad and dis-
couraged. I can honestly say, however, that I
am happier in this role than I have ever been
in my life, and that I believe with my whole
heart, that this new collaboration has taken
our work in Haiti to a more powerful level.
Thank you for your commitment to this
work, and I hope to see you all down here
soon!

*Blessings,
Sarah*

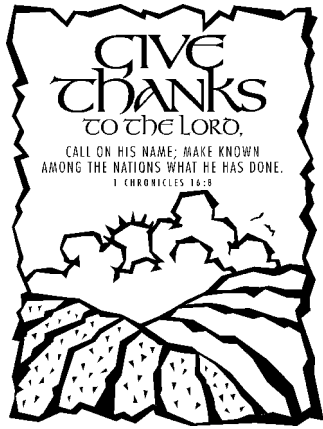
Girls' Night Out to Support Haiti

Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 PM
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Jewelry Demonstrations at 7:00 PM
Place: The Grey Barn
Rte 34B (Peruville Rd.)

Profits from this evening event will be
donated to: LUMC Haitian University
Students

Please RSVP to
KarenLee Marquis 607-793-3327



Community Thanksgiving Service

LUMC hosts the annual community Thanksgiving service this year on Tuesday, November 22.

The choirs of all houses of worship will combine to give thanks and praise to God. Please plan to attend.

Turkey Trots Help You Get the Day Off to a Running Start

Lansing runners have the potential for twice the fun this year with two 5K turkey trots set for late November. Both use the same route, so you get two chances to scale “Mount Wilson” aka Wilson Road.

“On a Mission” Turkey Trot, Saturday, November 19: This is a benefit for Lansing Youth Mission. Check-in is at 7:45 to 8:45 AM and the run starts at 9:00. Sign up before November 11 and donate \$15; late registration and day of race, \$20. For this run, you must register and sign a waiver. Run starts and ends at LUMC. Awards and food. Info at oamtt5k@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot, 9:00, November 23: Totally informal, you are on your own, but you’ll share the run with other like-minded folks. Gather by 9:00 and run or walk the 5K course. Time yourself and pat yourself on the back as a finishing award. Bring a snack to share for post run recovery. More information from Joel Brock, jdb20 at cornell.edu.



Looking ahead to Advent

The first Sunday of Advent is November 27! Hard to believe.

We will prepare decorations for the church on December 2. Mark your calendar for an evening of building wreaths and other decorations. We’ll start Friday night at 6:00 PM, with a soup and chili supper.



Harvest Bazaar and Dinner

November 12

Bazaar 2:00–7:00

Dinner 4:00–7:00



The Bazaar Craft Shop and the Bazaar Bake Shop need your donations!

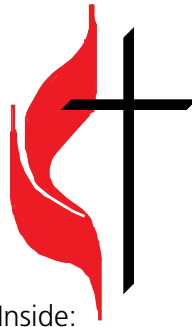
Craft donations: large, small, functional, decorative—whatever handmade craft you wish to donate would be most welcome.

Bake shop donations: You can donate: pie, bread and rolls, pie, cookies, brownies, pie, jams, jellies, or *cupcakes*, but for some reason whole cakes don’t sell! Who knew? Make sure to include your ingredient list on a label—especially if your item contains nuts.



Dinner menu includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, squash, pie, and all the fixings. Feel free to donate a pie or two for the dinner.





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Sunday School 10:30**

Fireplace Praise Service 6:00 PM

**ANNUAL CHURCH BAZAAR AND DINNER
NOVEMBER 12**

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