

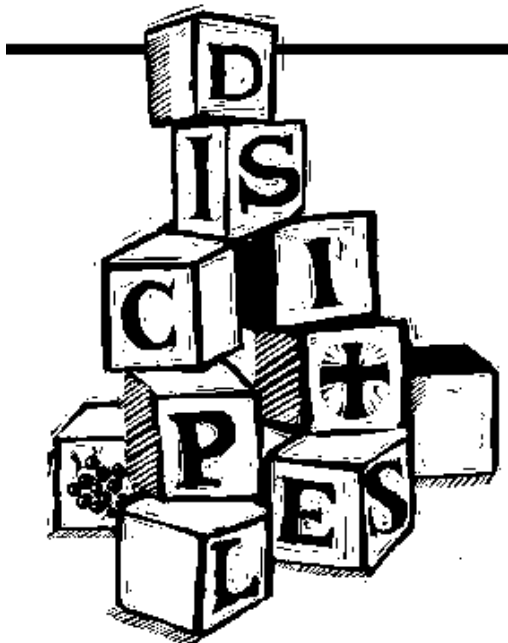
Sunday Worship 9:00 AM AND 6:00 PM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30

The Sunbeam

February 2011

Lansing United Methodist Church
lansingunited.org

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**BUILDING
DISCIPLES**

"Go make disciples..."
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Christian Fellowship

We are a community of believers who embrace the practice of fellowship. Do you know that fellowship is more than the time we spend catching up, sipping warm coffee after the Sunday morning worship service? It begins with our relationship with God and branches out as a result of that relationship. Fellowship is caring for God's creation. It is something that is shared by faithful Christians all over the world.

"Fellowship with the family of God and with God Himself is one of the greatest blessings of being a Christian."

Fellowship comes from the Greek word *Koinonia*, which means "to share in common." It is translated in the King James Bible as communion (1 Corinthians 10:16), communicate (Hebrews 13:16), or contribution (Romans 15:26). "All three usages suggest commonality of purpose, partnership and interest". According to scripture, fellowship is not an optional matter for believers. "If we walk in the light (in fellowship with God)... this causes us to have fellowship with one another." (1 John 1:7).

Christian fellowship fosters trust, hope, a sense of belonging, faith, patience, selflessness, and an unconditional love that comes from people who have a personal relationship with God. It's all about relationship.

Here at LUMC we witness an abundance of Christian fellowship. It's been and continues to be a vital part of this faith community and it begins at an early age! The **KAN kids** meet monthly under the direction of Bonnie Blair to learn about service organizations and to serve others. At one of their meetings Peg MacKenzie and Janette Reeves spoke about the Church World Service Kit Program. KAN assembled 300 Church World Service kits. The kits are sent all over the world to aid people in need. KAN also continues to raise funds for the Nothing But Nets Program. To date 100 malaria nets

have been purchased. Locally, KAN participates in transporting Food Pantry groceries to the residents at Woodsedge. These young Christians also make time to spend an occasional Sunday afternoon spreading cheer and playing games with Woodsedge residents. This is Christian fellowship at its best!

You are invited to participate in some upcoming fellowship events. On Thursday evenings join us for a new **short-term bible and book study** with Pastor Jane. The group meets weekly at 7:00 PM in the adult Sunday School classroom and topics are mutually agreed upon.

Watch for the rescheduled **Ladies' Love Feast and Salad Supper** with Dianne Walter hosting (originally set for early February). Dianne writes:

"The Gift of Love comes 'wrapped' in many different 'packages,' comes to us at various times over the course of our lives, and communicates different messages in varying ways and circumstances. Over the past 45+ years the gift of love through the lives of our women have blessed many, and we don't often take the time to reflect on this and find ways to show appreciation for the ways in which God's love has come to us through the living testimonies of our Sisters in Christ.

"We will come together as women of LUMC for an evening of reflections, remembering, and expressions of love for one another."

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From the Pastor

Many of you are aware that I have recently acquired a dog. She is quickly becoming a beloved member of my family. In the short time since I got her, I have learned a few things about God from her.

1. *Persistence*—Just as God won't leave me alone when God wants something, neither will Piper. She just keeps pestering and whining and poking her nose in my business until I finally pay attention to her. It is interesting to me that God is every bit as persistent; but I often don't pay attention. There will be a negative consequence if I ignore Piper for a long period of time...luckily, God is more patient.

2. *Patience*—I have learned to be more patient as Piper becomes acclimated to Lansing and to me. She needs some training, some discipline, and some boundaries. This will take some time and effort on my part. So it is with my walk with God...I need training and discipline and boundaries. God is willing to take the time and effort required if I am willing to be the student.

Fellowship, concluded

other. Please join your Christian sisters to celebrate the Gift of Love as seen through the lives of our sisters in Christ and the blessings God has shown us by making us women."

Bring your favorite salad and an open heart to give and receive love. An entrée, dessert, and table service will be provided.

Plan to come and join us on Thursday, February 24, at 6:00 PM for our annual **Winter Game Night** in the Fellowship

Dog Lessons

3. *Partnership*—It has been a while since I have had a dog in the house, and it can surprise me just how much space she requires! It has become a kind of dance to see how we share the room around us (for instance, the bed or the couch). God also wants me to share my space (heart), to share my room (head) and to make a comfortable place where we can live together in harmony.

In addition to these things, Piper has taught me that I can, indeed, love a dog again...something I was a little worried about. She also has taught me that it took very little time for her to wag her way into my heart. She has also given my life a little more structure (*we must* go out early in the morning and before bedtime), which makes more time in my day for listening to God. She has reminded me, once again, about unconditional love and has brought a new joy into my life. I have learned, yet again, that "*dog*" is "*God*" spelled backward!

Blessings,
Pastor Jane

hall. It's an evening for the entire family where we forget the cold of winter and enjoy the warmth of church family. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. Pizza and beverages will be provided and all are invited to attend.

May God bless us with an understanding and direction of how and where to share our Christian fellowship.—*Marilyn Paradise*

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30
Outreach 10:30
Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30
Junior High Youth Trip 11:30

K.A.N. 4:00

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Disciple Bible Study 12:30

Staff Parish 7:00

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Quilt Bee 9:30

Church Council 7:00

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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

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00

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Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30
Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30

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

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VALENTINE'S DAY

Mobile Food Pantry 10:00
Disciple Bible Study 12:30
Trustees 7:00

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Quilt Bee 9:30

Membership 7:00
Worship Ctee 7:30

SUNBEAM DEADLINE
12:00 Midnight

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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

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00

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Worship 9:00
Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30
Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive

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

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PRESIDENTS' DAY
Disciple Bible Study 12:30

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Quilt Bee 9:30

Youth Ministry 7:00

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

Bell Choir 6:00
Choir 7:00

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Family Game Night 6:00
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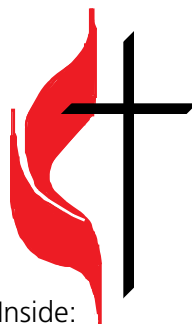
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Food Pantry 3:00
Haiti Committee 7:00

Note: This calendar is current as of January 24. For updates to all LUMC events, visit lansingunited.org, and check the bulletin when you're in church on Sunday.

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