



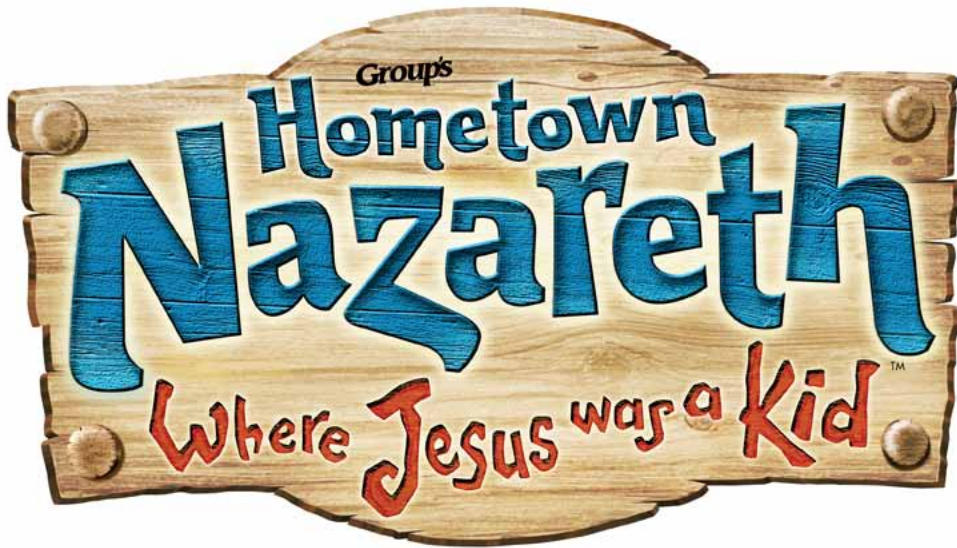
Please join us for
Worship in the Park, 9:30 AM, month of July

The Sunbeam

July 2011

Lansing United Methodist Church
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From the Pastor

Carpe Summer

Strawberries? Did somebody say strawberries? Farmer's markets, roadside stands, outdoor concerts... ah, the sights and sounds and smells of summer! What a delight to be able to sit outdoors and enjoy the breezes! How awesome to revel in the bursting abundance of the season!

And yet, this is also a time of leaving behind...graduation, moving up, moving on. While these occasions are exciting and joy filled, there can be some apprehension attached as well. We forget that just as God created seasons of the year, God also created seasons of our lives. Just as Ecclesiastes 3 states, "there is a time for all things under heaven." We are not able to grow up faster, or stop aging, any more than we are able to tell the strawberry when to ripen. It all happens in God's time. It takes patience and practice to be able to live fully in the present, but this is all we have.

I remember camping when my kids were little and having a bit of a struggle "manag-

ing" them while setting up the tent. An elderly gentleman (probably my age!) walked by and told me to take time to discover the wonder of camping all over again with the kids...not to worry about getting all the chores done. At the time, I was a little peeved because he took the time to visit, but didn't offer to help. And I didn't realize the wisdom of his words until years later. One of the greatest joys of being a grandparent is having the freedom to rediscover the world through the eyes of the grands—this gentleman was trying to give me a "heads up" on that. Essentially, he was telling me to live in the present.

So, my dear friends, my prayer for you this summer is that you take time to savor, truly savor, all that God has given us for this day...this moment...feel the sunshine, hear the laughter, smell the flowers, see the sunset and taste those strawberries!!

*Blessings,
Pastor Jane*

Staff Summer Schedule

Pastor Jane: Casowasco, July 4-10; White Swan, Washington, August 7-14 (cell, 315-225-6170, Casowasco, 315-364-8756; pastorjfs@ gmail.com)
Laurie Moskow: Vacation, July 4-9; July 20-22 (Office closed)
Marilyn Paradise: Vacation, August 4-12; otherwise in and out of office (533-7108; mpparadise@ aol.com)
Kevin Dunn: Casowasco, all summer (kevin.t.dunn@ gmail.com)

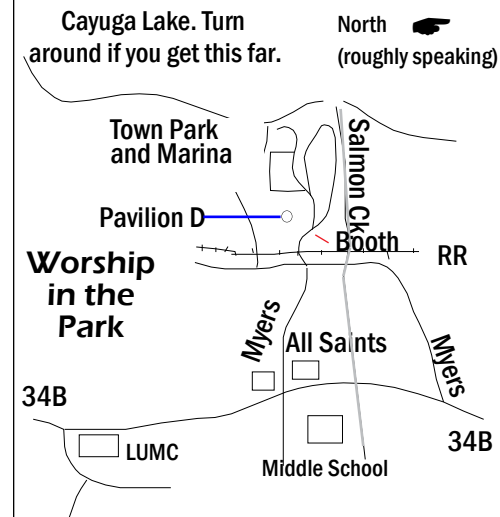
Summer Music—Could Be You

During church at the park in July, Art Loomis has again volunteered to coordinate church-in-the-park music. If you would like to participate in special music, see Art to offer your talents.

Returning to the sanctuary for the remainder of the summer (August 7 through September 4), there are opportunities for solos, small groups, or pick-up choir. If you would like to offer your talents, please sign up on the schedule on the choir room door and communicate with Sharon Powell.

In the fall, the first choir rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 7, and choir will sing in worship on Sunday, September 11.

Where to Find 9:30 Worship in the Park



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.

Ice Cream Socials

Gather with friends for some delicious ice cream treats at our summer Sunday Ice Cream Socials! The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. at various local scoop shops throughout the area! The schedule is as follows:

July 17: Scoops (Auburn Road, Jct. of Routes 34 & 34B, S. Lansing)

July 31: Cream at the Top (1258 Route 34B, Ridge Road, King Ferry)

August 14: Lake Breeze (2035 East Shore Drive, Route 34, Lansing)

August 28: Triangle Family Restaurant (1526 State Rte. 90, corner of Lake and Clearview Road, King Ferry)

Summer Church Picnics

You can still be a host for one of our fun church picnics. This is a pleasant way to meet people—such as those you see in church but haven't quite gotten to know yet—or a way to catch up.

Saturday, July 2: At Myers Park
enjoy the Fireworks and Independence Day Concert, featuring the Backtalk Band with Bob Keefe


Thursday, July 14 Hosts: Lorraine Groat & Gaylord Besemer, East Lansing

Tuesday, July 26: Hosts: Matt & Kristen Burt, Arrowwood Lane

Thursday, August 11: Hosts: Bill & Judy Hinderliter, Drake Rd.

Tuesday, August 23: Host needed!

The general plan for the picnics goes like this. Gather around 6:00 with the idea of eating about 6:30 or so. Bring your table service, a dish to share, chairs, and something to toss on the grill if you want. Hosts provide beverages and a hot grill. Rain or shine! Directions on church's weekly email.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Worship 9:30 Lansing Town Park at Myers Pavilion D	4 The United States of America By the Grace of God Free and Independent for 235 years	C h u r c h O f f i c e C l o s e d			8	1 Mens' Breakfast 7:00 Church Picnic Myers Park 6:00 Mens' Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing 7:00
10 Worship 9:30 Lansing Town Park at Myers Pavilion D Youth Mission at All Saints 7:15	11 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00	V a c a t i o n B i b l e S c h o o l - H o m e t o w n N a z a r e t h 6 : 0 0 n i g h t l y LUMC LUMC LUMC ALL SAINTS ALL SAINTS				16 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Blood Drive 8:30-2:00
17 Worship 9:30 Lansing Town Park at Myers Pavilion D	18 Haiti Committee 7:00 SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight	19 Quilt Bee 9:30	20 Prayer Service 9:00 Church Picnic 6:00 Lorraine Groat and Gaylord Besemer East Lansing	C h u r c h O f f i c e C l o s e d		23 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
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31 Worship 9:30 Lansing Town Park at Myers Pavilion D Ice Cream Social at Cream at the Top 6:00	Note: This calendar is current as of June 27. For updates to all LUMC events, visit lansingunited.org , and check the bulletin when you're in church on Sunday.		<i>July 2011</i>		 Lansing United Methodist Church	



Vacation Bible School: July 11–15

Attention kids entering kindergarten through 5th grade: **get ready** to pack your bags for an exciting Holy Land adventure at this year's VBS!

Come as we explore the culture of ancient Nazareth—Jesus' hometown! Learn more about Jesus' childhood from his mother, Mary. As a VBS kid, you will be assigned to one of the twelve tribes and travel with a tribal leader to Mary's House every evening. There, Mary will share the story about an angel that brought a surprising message. You will hear about Jesus' amazing birth. Bible leaders will tell about what Jesus' name actually means - every name has a meaning and you may discover the meaning of your name!

Traveling through town, there may be whisperings about this local carpenter's kid who some say is the Son of God. In ancient times, many did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God.

During our week together, we will play lots of fun games and create crafts that are reminiscent of the time and place where Jesus lived. During snack time, you'll have a chance to taste some of the foods that Jesus may have eaten. Each night we will all gather

together for a celebration that highlights the day's theme and bible message. The Praise Group will sing some favorite songs.

Do you remember during Sunday School we talked about how Jesus helped the little children? Throughout the week, you will have an opportunity to help other local children. The mission project for this year will be providing backpack supplies for Family & Children's Services of Ithaca. A list of needed supplies will be distributed, and on Friday we will present the filled backpacks at the Ice Cream Social. Family & Children's Services is dedicated to providing professional services that support children, families and organizations in finding solutions to the challenges of life today.

Come, learn, have fun and help others while you hear more about Jesus at "Hometown Nazareth" July 11–15 from 6:00 PM–8:15 PM at Vacation Bible School! You can register online at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/LUMCAllsaints> or contact Jeanne Taylor at 533-4549 or Marilyn Paradise at 533-7108. Hope to see you there!—*Marilyn Paradise and Jeanne Taylor*



Join Team Fox for Parkinson's

A walk-a-thon and chicken BBQ has been organized to raise money for Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, TEAMFOX.

Julie (Bowman) Hatfield organized the fund raiser and formed a team "Grandma's Memorial" in memory of her grandmother (my mother) Clarice Hoag, who fought a 25-year battle with Parkinson's. Julie and my family would like to invite others to join us in memory or in a show of support of a friend or loved one suffering from this disease.—*Sue Bowman*

"Hope for a Cure" Walk-a-thon and Chicken BBQ
Date: August 20, 2011

Time: Walk starts at 10:00 AM (registration begins at 8:30)

Registration: Lansing Town Ball Field on Route 34 (near Town Hall & Library) Walk Route: Lansing Town Trail (directly across the road from the ball field)

4 Ways to Participate

Get a pledge sheet for the walk at:
Lansing Town Hall Recreation Department
Lansing Town Library
Michaleen's Florist & Garden Center
Baker's Acres
Lansing Methodist Church (see Reenie Sandsted)
All Saints Church (see Marcie Bean)
Harbor Fest at the Lansing Trail booth
Make a Donation: Either mail to the address below or drop off at the registration table the morning of the walk-a-thon. Please write on the check memo line "Hope for a Cure—Julie Hatfield."
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014

Create your own Team or join Julie Hatfield's team at TEAMFOX—Teamfox.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive at Lumc

Saturday, July 9 from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

You can make a real contribution here if your blood type is negative (O-, A-, B-) or if you have O positive blood. If you have A positive blood, like me, well that's still a real help. So, think about donating blood. Personally, I do it for the juice and cookies that you get afterward. It's possible to walk in, but it's better to have an appointment. Call 800-GIVE-LIFE and they will fix you up quick. Or you can try their web site, which works sometimes. www.RedCrossBlood.org.—*gw*

Habitat For Humanity Work Day

Saturday, July 30

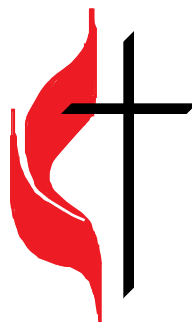
8:30 AM to about 4:00 PM

Lakeview Drive

Materials and tools supplied, but feel free to bring your favorite tools. House is framed and roofed. BYO lunch and water bottle (water is provided). Snacks provided. Wear appropriate shoes and clothes. Safety equipment provided. Youth welcome, but are limited to certain tasks, so let Habitat know if youth are coming for better job planning.

Food Pantry

Lansing Food Pantry will distribute food on July 25 this month, and the mobile food pantry will visit Lansing July 11. This is a real good time to remember to make a donation to the food pantry. A fellow asked me the other day when food pantry was open, not because he needed food but because he wanted to make a donation. I thanked him kindly and said that he didn't have to meet the food pantry to donate, and he could make his donation any time. And so can you. Just leave your nonperishable items at the church. Money is also helpful.—*gw*



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