



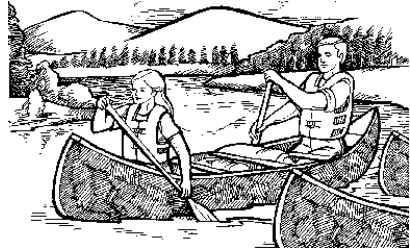
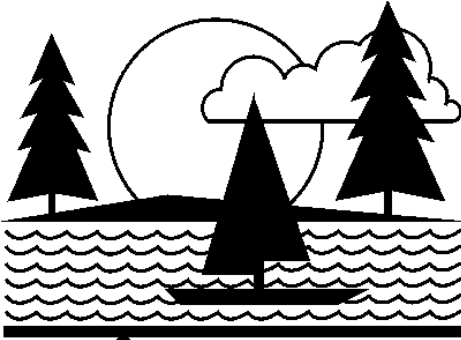
Please join us for Worship at 9:00

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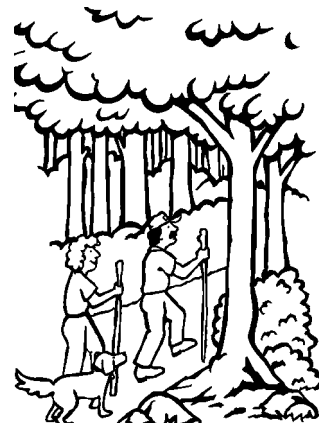
August 2011

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to Enjoy God's
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From the Pastor

Closing the Complaint Department

I have a friend in ministry who posted a picture of a snowbound car on Route 481 between Fulton and Oswego. I had to laugh out loud when I saw it as I sat in an air conditioned room that wouldn't cool below 88 degrees! We are so good at complaining about the weather...it doesn't seem to matter whether it is hot or cold; it just isn't right!

Complaining seems to be part of the human condition...the Pharisees complained that Jesus didn't live by the rules, the disciples complained about who was the greatest. The early church complained about who owned the truth, and the Reformation happened because there were myriad complaints against the church. Maybe we complain because we don't know how **not** to complain!!

As I gaze out this office window overlooking the lake with all the puffy clouds and see a fawn (really!) sprint across the yard,

I find it impossible to complain. Oh, I'm sure I could find something if I tried, but right this minute I am filled with awe at the blessings in my life. Being here in Lansing is only one of my blessings—I am blessed with reasonably good health, great kids, fabulous friends, delightful grandchildren, and a comfortable home. I have a life filled with purpose, good books to read, a challenging congregation, and joy...lots and lots of joy.

I urge each of you to take some time to step back from complaining. Look around. Eat raspberries and sweet corn. Feel the sun on your face. Listen to children giggle...listen to old folks giggle. Life is truly a gift. Unwrap it today and live in today. Live with an "attitude of gratitude" and take joy in the moment.

*Blessings,
Pastor Jane*



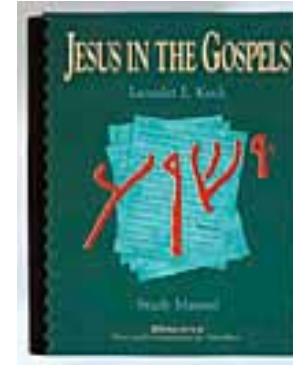
Staff Summer Schedule

Pastor Jane: leading the LUMC mission trip to White Swan, Washington from Saturday, August 6th through Wednesday, August 17th. During this time, pastoral care will be provided by Rev. Dale Austin of Freeville UMC (844-8760).

Marilyn Paradise: Vacation, August 4-12; otherwise in and out of office (533-7108; mpmparadise@aol.com)

Kevin Dunn: Casowasco, all summer (kevin.t.dunn@gmail.com)

The Lansing Harbor Festival is scheduled for August 13 at Myers Park, sponsored by the Lansing Community Council. Always a fun event, with booths from many local organizations.



We'd like to invite you to begin a new Disciple journey, through a study called "Jesus in the Gospels." This 30-week class focuses on the portraits of Jesus found in the four Gospels, looking at the way each Gospel writer presents events and teachings and at the picture of Jesus that emerges in each of the Gospels.

Disciple Bible Studies provide in-depth and powerful insight into God's beautiful handbook. Designed for daily study, they also provide a disciplined approach for including the Bible into our daily lives, enriching us beyond belief. Classroom time is a small group seminar to discuss each week's lesson, with a short video presentation by Biblical scholars. Time is devoted to delving into the passages studied for the week, as well as considering how these passages speak to our own practice of discipleship. This study is the first in a new series called DISCIPLE Second Generation Studies.

There are many stories, some here in our church, about how Disciple has transformed the lives of people and their congregations. We, as the body of Christ, are tremendously

New Disciple Class: Jesus in the Gospels

Time: Mondays, 12:30-2:30 PM


Place: Adult Sunday School Classroom

Date: Initial meeting, September 12, and Mondays to follow over next 9 months

blessed when the members of a congregation are shaped by a shared knowledge and understanding of the whole biblical story and their connection to **the** Story. Here's how one Disciple graduate described her experience:

Discipleship now offers me the excitement of continuing my trip. Just as a visit to a place I've never been changes that image in my mind's eye forever—so has my journey through God's word changed me forever. I hear Scripture, sermons, Sunday school lessons with new ears and eyes. And as a trip away from the everyday routine makes me feel rested and ready to go again—I have been spiritually renewed and ready to serve. My knowledge has increased, my faith and trust have deepened, my discipline has grown, my compassion and ability to reach out have widened—the written page is now written on my heart. Thanks be to God.—*Linda Saunders, Lexington, North Carolina*

Please consider joining this voyage of discovery. Sign-up on the Narthex bulletin board, or contact Marilyn Paradise, 533-4070, or Bonnie Blair, 257-0721, theblairs@twcny.rr.com, who will serve as this seminar's coordinator.—*Bonnie Blair*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Lansing United Methodist Church</p>	1 Staff Parish 7:00	2 Finance 7:00	3 Prayer Service 9:00	4	5	6 Mens' Breakfast 7:00 Woodsedge Chicken BBQ 10:30-?
7 Worship 9:00	8 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 Trustees 7:00	9 Quilt Bee 9:30	10 Prayer Service 9:00	11 Church Picnic 6:00 Bill and Judy Hinderliter Drake Road	12	13 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Lansing Harbor Fest Myers Park
14 Worship 9:00 Ice Cream Social at Lake Breeze 6:00 Youth Mission at All Saints 7:15	15 Haiti Committee 7:00	16 Quilt Bee 9:30 Women's Bible Study Summer Luncheon at Judy Hinderliter's Drake Road 12:00 Membership 7:00	17 Prayer Service 9:00 SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight	18	19	20 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
21 Worship 9:00 Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive	22 Food Pantry 3:00 Fireplace Planning 7:00	23 Quilt Bee 9:30 Church Picnic TBA 6:00 Worship Committee 7:30	24 Prayer Service 9:00	25	26	27 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
28 Worship 9:00 Praise Singers Information 10:30 Ice Cream Social at the Triangle 6:00	29	30 Quilt Bee 9:30 Youth Ministry at Dianne Walter's House 6:00	31 Prayer Service 9:00	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Note: This calendar is current as of July 27. For updates to all LUMC events, visit lansingunited.org, and check the bulletin when you're in church on Sunday.</p> </div>		<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 1.5em;"><i>August 2011</i></p>

Woodsedge BBQ

It's time for the 2011 Woodsedge Chicken Bar-B-Q on Saturday, August 6, 10:30 AM until gone, at the Lansing ballfields lot (a.k.a. park and ride), next to the Lansing Library and Town Hall. This event will benefit The Baker Memorial Garden and Woodsedge. We ask for your support again by spreading the word and by attending and enjoying great food. For a mere 8 bucks, the dinner includes: Carry-out Bar-B-Q Cornell-style chicken prepared according to the original Bob Baker recipe by Chef Jeff, salt potatoes, baked beans, roll, and brownie. Half chicken only will be available for \$6, and there will be bottled water for purchase. Sponsors are Lansing Housing Authority and Woodsedge Residents. Come and do a good deed and continue helping to make Woodsedge a great place to live! Your support will be greatly appreciated.—*Connie Conlon*

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.

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.

Women's Bible Study Luncheon

Participants of women's bible study group are invited to gather for a summer luncheon at the home of Judy Hinderliter at 12:00 noon on August 16. Judy will provide beverages and tableware (plus the table). Bring a dish to pass and a perhaps a chair (although Judy has a fair number of chairs).

Summer Music—Could Be You

Summer worship in the sanctuary (August 7 through September 4) is enhanced by special music. There are opportunities for solos, small groups, or a 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. If you like to sing, try it out. We'll be glad to see you.

Thanks to all those who provided music during worship at the park, notably Art Loomis and the praise band singers.

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 PM at various local scoop shops throughout the area! The August schedule is as follows:

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)



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)

Church World Service Kits

Collection of items for the Church World Service Kits continues throughout the year, but now is the time to pick up school kit supplies. Sad to say, the back-to-school sale items are in the stores. Or maybe that's good news? We have all of August to decide! Meantime, think about picking up some of these supplies.

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

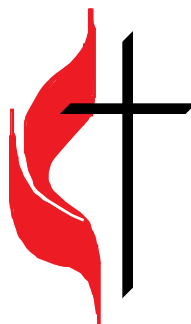
Make a Donation: Either mail to the address below or drop off at the registration table the morning of the walk-a-thon. Please write on the check memo line "Hope for a Cure—Julie Hatfield."

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.

School Kits

- One pair of blunt scissors
- Three spiral or tape-bound 70-count pads or notebooks of ruled paper 8-1/2" X 11" (or 8" X 10 1/2"), containing 200-210 sheets of paper. No loose-leaf, filler paper, please.
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One large eraser
- One box of 24 crayons (no more, no less)
- One 12" x 14" cloth bag with cloth handles, to hold the above items



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