



Please join us for Worship at 9:00 and Sunday School at 10:30

# The Sunbeam

October 2012

**Lansing United Methodist Church**  
[lansingunited.org](http://lansingunited.org)

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October 7

## A Different Viewpoint

I recently subscribed to an online spirituality resource. Several times a week, I receive an email with a story or quote to guide my prayer time or just to think about. Some days it is just a few words that pack a punch. Several have stuck with me and I would like to share one in particular:

A man who took great pride in his lawn found himself with a large crop of dandelions.

He tried every method he knew to get rid of them. Still they plagued him.

Finally he wrote to the Department of Agriculture.

He enumerated all the things he had tried and closed his letter with the question,

“What shall I do now?”

In the course the reply came:

“We suggest you learn to love them.”

—Anthony de Mello

When I first read this, I laughed, but as I pondered the deeper meaning, I couldn't help but think that life gives us lots of dandelions, and we would all be better off if we learned to love them. I thought about some

of the “dandelions” in my life...those things that I spend way too much time trying to fix when I would be much better served to let them go...or learn to love them.

It makes me wonder if we spend our energies in productive ways. Do we, as the church, find ourselves trying to change attitudes or perceptions that we have little or no control over? Do we focus on the little things without seeing the big picture?

As we begin our new program year, let's look at each other with love. As we take pride in our facility...let's look at our dandelions as well. Instead of seeing them as problems to be solved, let's look at them as blessings to be loved. Let's embrace our dandelions and each other with love and joy and promise!!

*Blessings,  
Pastor Jane*

*PS.* Anthony deMello was, prior to his death, a frequent retreat leader at Christ the King Retreat House in Syracuse.

## Trip to the Holy Land

Decision time is effectively November 1 for the trip to the Holy Land led by District Superintendent Reverend Dick Barton (since that is when the first major deposit is due). The “Journey for Understanding” to Israel and Palestine is set for February 14 – 23, 2013. This tour with Educational Opportunities will visit major sites of Biblical interest and the places where Jesus lived and preached and was raised to new life. Itinerary includes Galilee, the Jordan River valley, Jericho, the Dead Sea, and many sites in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Cost of the trip is \$2,988 per person including air-fare from New York, breakfast and dinner each day, and admissions to tour sites (except for Masada which is about \$25 per person). Deposits: \$300 due on registration, and \$1,500 by 11/1/2012; full payment is due by 12/16/2012. If you are interested in this trip, more information is available in the office.

## Rummage Sale

Our fall sale will be held Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13.

Volunteers are needed starting Saturday, October 6 through Saturday, October 13.

It would be a great help if you use the sign-up sheets so we know you can help, even if we don't know when.

Nancy Myers and Jan Reeves will be in the kitchen supervising Café Rummage, including serving breakfast from 7:00 – 9:00 AM Monday through Thursday. Your dishes shared for lunch would be much appreciated by everyone sorting, organizing, and pricing as the week goes on—the lunch break for fellowship lifts everyone's spirits!

Sign-up sheets are up in the kitchen and donation sheets are in the fellowship hall. We especially need donations for the beginning of the week. Also, please bring a copy of your recipe to share and give it to Janette Reeves or to Laurie in the office. We will be adding to our Café Rummage cookbook! To donate food, take the posted note with you

when you go shopping and return your donations to the Church Kitchen by Saturday, October 6.

We also need the following items:

- Grocery-size paper bags,
- Black markers,
- Empty plastic gallon jugs (with caps & handles),
- Masking tape, and
- Medium-sized boxes.

### Rummage Week Schedule:

—*Setup:* October 6 and 7.

—*Drop off* for items begins Sunday, October 7, after 3:00 PM and continues through Tuesday, October 9, at 6:00 PM.

—*Sorting, organizing, pricing:* October 8, 9, 10, and 11. Café Rummage will be open.

—**Rummage Sale:** October 12: 8:00 AM–8:00 PM and October 13: 8:00 AM–12:00 PM

—*Clean-up:* Saturday, October 13, starting 12:00 PM.

## Policy on Holding Sunday Morning Fund Raisers at LUMC

### September 21, 2012

This policy applies to all appeals, sales, and other fund raising activities during worship or fellowship time on Sunday mornings.

1. Only one fund raiser may be held on a given Sunday morning.
2. A group may only hold one fund raiser each month.
3. Only LUMC sponsored groups or activities may hold fund raisers.
4. All fund raisers must be approved in advance.

5. Requests to hold fund raisers must be made to the church office and entered onto the church calendar.

6. No Sunday morning fund raisers may be held during: a. Stewardship Campaigns; b. Advent; c. Lent; or d. Special Sunday Celebrations (e.g., Sunday School kick-off)

7. Any exceptions must be approved in advance by the Finance Committee.

Thanks for your cooperation.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



**Lansing  
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**1**  
Pancakes and Prayers 6:30  
Woodsedge: Bible Study 10:30  
Disciple I Bible Study 12:00

**2**

**3**  
Prayer Service 9:00  
Women's Bible Study 9:30  
  
Bell Choir 6:00  
Choir 7:00

**4**  
  
Senior High 7:00  
Adult Study Group 7:00

**5**

**6**  
Mens' Breakfast at Linda's  
in North Lansing 7:00  
Every Saturday

**7**  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  
Worship 9:00  
Sunday School 10:30  
Junior Choir 11:30

**8**  
Pancakes and Prayers 6:30  
  
Woodsedge: Bible Study 10:30  
Woodsedge: Prayer Service 11:00  
Disciple I 12:00 at Blairs'  
Trustees 7:00

**9**  
  
Disciple IV 12:30 at Blairs'  
"Good Movie" for Youth 7:00

**10**  
Prayer Service 9:00  
  
Women's Bible Study 9:30

**11**  
  
Senior High 7:00

**12**  
  
RUMMAGE SALE 8:00

**13**  
Mens' Breakfast 7:00  
  
RUMMAGE CLEANUP 12:00

RUMMAGE SALE SETUP AND SORTING

**14**  
CHILDREN'S SABBATH  
Worship 9:00  
Sunday School 10:30  
Junior Choir 11:30  
  
CROP Walk: Cass Park 2:00  
K.A.N. 4:00  
FIREPLACE WORSHIP SERVICE 5:45

**15**  
Pancakes and Prayers 6:30  
Woodsedge: Bible Study 10:30  
Disciple I 12:00  
Haiti Committee 7:00  
SUNBEAM DEADLINE  
12:00 Midnight

**16**  
  
Membership 7:00  
Worship Committee 7:30

**17**  
Prayer Service 9:00  
Women's Bible Study 9:30  
  
Bell Choir 6:00  
Choir 7:00

**18**  
  
Senior High 7:00  
Adult Study Group 7:00

**19**

**20**  
Mens' Breakfast 7:00

**21**  
Worship 9:00  
Sunday School 10:30  
Junior Choir 11:30  
  
Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive

**22**  
Pancakes and Prayers 6:30  
Woodsedge: Bible Study 10:30  
Disciple I 12:00  
  
Food Pantry 3:00  
Clothes Horse 3:00

**23**  
  
Disciple IV 12:30  
Peanut Brittle Setup 1:30

**24**  
Prayer Service 9:00  
Women's Bible Study 9:30  
  
Bell Choir 6:00  
Choir 7:00

**25**  
  
PEANUT BRITTLE BEES 9:00  
  
Senior High 7:00  
Adult Study Group 7:00

**26**

**27**  
Mens' Breakfast 7:00

**28**  
REFORMATION SUNDAY  
Worship 9:00  
Sunday School 10:30  
Junior Choir 11:30  
  
Fall Festival

**29**  
Pancakes and Prayers 6:30  
Woodsedge: Bible Study 10:30  
Disciple I Bible Study 12:00

**30**  
  
Finance 7:00

**31**  
Prayer Service 9:00  
Women's Bible Study 9:30  
  
Bell Choir 6:00  
Choir 7:00

Note: This calendar is current as of September 27. For updates to all LUMC events, visit [lansingunited.org](http://lansingunited.org), and check the bulletin when you're in church on Sunday.

*October  
2012*



## A Note from Jean Erick

The following is a letter written

by one of our Haitian students to encourage the men and women on the Closer Walk Spiritual Retreats this fall in Horseheads. I asked our University students if they would write letters sharing their walk with the Lord and to support the weekend in prayer.—*Pete Loveland, Haiti Connection—Waterloo UMC*

**G**ood morning all my brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

I'm Jean Erick Croyance, your brother from Haiti who loves you so much. I'm studying languages at Dominican Republic, where I'm sponsored by Haiti Connection, and more specifically by Mr. and Mme. Peter Loveland and by churches. You are my brothers and sisters in Christ. Back three years ago I lost my father that was a tragedy in my family. My mother believed that all was about to be done for her, but it was not Jesus' plan for us. So sometimes when we think all is over for us, God says, "NO, it is just the beginning."

I've lived a lot of experiences in my life which God always keeps me safe. In 2004 God protected me from Hurricane Jeane that destroyed Gonaives. I walked across Gonaives in the water from my city (Verrettes) that is very far. Maybe Mr. Peter knows the distance (70 miles—*PL*). That time my mother did not hear about me and my father for 3 days. She thought that we died among the people who died in the storm, but we were safe. God had had a plan for us.

Another time I went back to (Port de Paix) where my father's family is. I went there for the first time to recognize my father's mother. Our car was broken in a remote area before we arrived at Gonaives. There we slept for three days where we were welcomed by a Christian family. While it was storming so hard, thanks to God even our hair was not wet. Let's praise His Name.

January 12, 2010 the earthquake destroyed our capital, Port au Prince. There I was at my aunty's house, when it happened we thought it was the end of our life. But thanks to the great architect we were safe, me and all my family.

That reminds me of Job's word when he said, "I will not die. I will live and I will tell the deeds of God." This the same for me. I did not die; that's why I've taken my time to share all these with you to let you know how God has good plan for us. This retreat is a blessing from above. God will take good pleasure in it. May God bless you all during this retreat and keep you safe until he comes back.

This is your brother in Christ, Jean Erick Croyance (John).

### Prayer Concerns

**Colin Avery**  
**Gary Calabret and family, friends of the Bidlespachers**  
**Cheryl Dykeman-Loveless**  
**Joe Hora, friend of the Bidlespachers**  
**Charles Scott, Laura Alexander's brother**  
**Amy Smith, Jamey Jones's mother**  
**Lisa Topoleski, Judy Sweazey's daughter**

**Mourning family and friends of Joe Bruno**

## Adult Ministries

### Adult Sunday School

From October 7–November 21, Adult Sunday School will offer three courses running simultaneously. You are invited to choose from the following:

*Listening to the Language of the Bible, Hearing It through Jesus' Ears,* by Lois Tverberg, facilitated by Karen Veaner

"Meditation: A Conversation with God," facilitated by Ravi Walsh (No class on October 7). "Meditation" will resume on Sunday, October 14, and continue as scheduled through November 21.

*The Source*, by James Michener—A Book Club, facilitated by Ben Veaner

Some of our course materials are on display in the Fellowship Hall along with sign-up sheets. You are welcome to join us at any time—signing up will help me to have the appropriate quantities of books and materials on hand.—*Karen V.*

### Disciple

Disciple IV study, "Under the Tree of Life" began on September 25. This 32-week class delves into the writings of the Old Testament, notably the Psalms. The group will meet on agreed upon Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. Please contact *Bonnie Blair* (257-0721) or *Karen Veaner* (533-4070) if you are interested in participating.

### Thursday Night Adult Study Group Meets Weekly

Pastor Jane leads an Adult Study Group on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. Our text for this session's study will be *Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus*, by Robin Meyers. Please join us.

## Youth Ministries

### "Good" Movie Night for Junior High and Senior High Youth

The next "good" movie night for youth is October 9. Stop by.

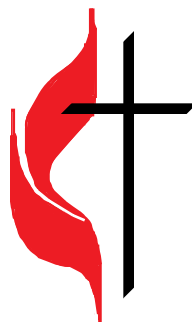
### Pancakes and Prayers

Youth are invited to start the week on a positive note at 6:30 am, with pancakes and prayers. Info from Adam B.

### CROP Walk

**Please Join K.A.N. in Participating in the CROP Hunger Walk**  
**October 14 at Cass Park, Ithaca**

**T**he K.A.N. kids will be walking in our area CROP Walk on Sunday, October 14, 2012, from 2:00–4:00 PM at Cass Park. You can join the walk, make a donation, or both. Teams and individual walkers are needed to make a difference for hunger efforts locally and around the world. The start and stop points will be the Cass Park Pavilion. Vitamin L will perform, and there will be information on local hunger relief agencies. In addition to helping the Church World Service organization fight hunger around the world, 25 percent of contributions collected at LUMC will go to our Lansing Food Pantry. Check out [www.cropwalkonline.org/ithacany](http://www.cropwalkonline.org/ithacany), where you can register to walk or make an electronic donation. To support the K.A.N. team, click on Donate, then I want to Support a Team, and then on the Kids in Action Now team on the list. If you'd like to donate by check or cash, you can do it by placing your contribution in the collection plate with a memo designating the money for CROP Walk, or see a member of K.A.N., who will include your donation with the team's collection.



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