

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

The Sunbeam

November 2012

Lansing United Methodist Church
lansingunited.org

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*As each has
received a gift,
employ it for
one another,
as good stewards
of God's varied
grace.*

1 Peter 4:10

Commitment Sunday
November 11

From the Pastor

Sharing Your Gifts

So, the Stewardship season is upon us! How strange it is to me that the political campaign seems to talk about the economy and money all the time with little or no outcry, but to mention money in church is taboo! It is also interesting to note that Jesus mentioned money 700 times! Why are we so reluctant to talk about money in church?

Some years ago, I remember being asked by a parishioner, “How much of the church budget comes from the people in church on Sunday?” I was a little confused, and asked for clarification...he thought the local church was subsidized by the conference or the national church! He was quite surprised that the only “outside” money that came to the church was through fundraising activities and building use fees. Since that time, I have never assumed that everyone understands how the church budget works!

All of our staff salaries and benefits, utilities and maintenance (church and parsonage), programs, and mission projects are supported by our church membership. We also pay *to* the conference for conference staffing and support. We do have some income from building use...but the greatest portion of our budget is raised through the generosity of you folks.

Our faith journey helps us to recognize our gifts and then find means to share them. When I begin to enumerate the many ways God has blessed my life, I find I am overwhelmed by the length of the list. I am certain that this is true for all of us. God is never stingy with blessings!

As we consider how we will support the work of LUMC, I would like to share with you a prayer I recently stumbled upon. It is entitled “A Stewardship Serenity Prayer,” by Mary Taylor. I was surprised at how completely it echoes my own point of view. Be sure to notice the subtle nuances; and I hope you find it as moving as I do:

God, grant me the awareness of all I have been given—the courage to give back in full measure—and the wisdom to see both of these as blessings.

God, grant me the awareness of all I have been given—the courage to give back in full measure—and the wisdom to be grateful for both of these blessings.

God, grant me the awareness of all I have been given—the courage to give back in full measure—and the wisdom to gratefully acknowledge gifts given and received as blessings.

*With blessings and gratitude,
Pastor Jane*

Lansing Community Thanksgiving Service
November 20 7:00 PM
All Saints RC Church
Rte 34B

Living the Legacy

The theme of this year’s Stewardship Campaign is “Living the Legacy,” and kicks off a two-year celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of LUMC. This year’s campaign will celebrate our unique heritage (five local churches joined together into one congregation of their own volition), our proud accomplishments (our facilities, our worship, mission, and education programs, and our role in creating Woodsedge), and start the process of dreaming about the future. Next year, the campaign will focus on how we can ensure that LUMC moves into the future with the same faithfulness and confidence as our forebears.

We are blessed with a vital congregation that includes all age groups, and all of these age groups are actively involved in the life of the church. Our Sunday School is vibrant and well attended. Our music program is amazing and varied. Our outreach to the local community is remarkable and growing; outreach beyond our community is incredible. LUMC has successfully transferred responsibility for ministry from those who initiated it to successive generations and has seen these ministries continue to grow and flourish. While mainline churches are in decline nationally, *we are a healthy church.*

All of these good things come from the efforts of each and every one of you. We rely upon your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service to continue what God has started. Every type of contribution is important. There are many ways to serve God

and no contribution is insignificant in God’s eyes.

The specific goal of the stewardship campaign, however, is to provide the financial foundation for LUMC’s annual operating budget. In addition to our worship, education, and mission programs, the operating budget covers staff salaries and benefits, utilities, insurance, and our apportionments (LUMC’s share of national church’s mission and administrative costs). Therefore, as you prayerfully consider your pledge to the continuing work of LUMC, we ask that you remember the sacrifices and the commitment of those who brought this church into being. We understand that these continue to be difficult economic times, but it is important to recognize that the expenses of the church are also on the rise. The finance committee uses the results of the stewardship campaign to formulate a realistic budget. *Your pledge is essential* to this process.

Each household should have received a letter introducing the stewardship campaign and a pledge card. Additional pledge cards are available in the Narthex and in the pews. Completed pledge cards will be received during worship on Consecration Sunday, November 11.

We hope you will join us in “Living the Legacy” into the future.

*—Jane Sautter, Pastor, and Joel Brock,
Campaign Chair*

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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Note: This calendar is current as of October 22. For updates to all LUMC events, visit lansingunited.org, and check the bulletin when you're in church on Sunday.

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Senior High 7:00
Adult Study Group 7:00

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Mens' Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing 7:00
Every Saturday
Prayer Shawl Ministry/ Caregivers 10:00

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Worship 9:00
Eastern Standard Time
Sunday School 10:30
Junior Choir 11:30
K.A.N. 3:30
FIREPLACE WORSHIP SERVICE 5:45

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Pancakes and Prayers 6:30

Woodsedge: Bible Study 10:30

Disciple I 12:00
Staff Parish 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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Senior High 7:00
Adult Study Group 7:00

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00

Harvest Bazaar 2:00
Harvest Dinner 4:00

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CONSECRATION SUNDAY
VETERANS DAY-THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30
Junior Choir 11:30

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Pancakes and Prayers 6:30

Mobile Food Pantry 10:00
Woodsedge: Bible Study 10:30
Woodsedge: Prayer Service 11:00
Disciple I 12:00

Trustees 7:00

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"Good Movie" for Youth 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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Senior High 7:00
Adult Study Group 7:00

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SUNBEAM DEADLINE
12:00 Midnight

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00

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Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30
Junior Choir 11:30
Haiti Dessert Auction 11:30

Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive

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Pancakes and Prayers 6:30

Woodsedge: Bible Study 10:30
Disciple I 12:00
Food Pantry 3:00
Clothes Horse 3:00
Haiti Committee 7:00

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Community Thanksgiving Service
All Saints RC Church 7:00

Membership 7:00

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Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00

Blood Drive 8:30

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UM STUDENT SUNDAY
Worship 9:00
Junior Choir
(following worship)

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Pancakes and Prayers 6:30

Woodsedge: Bible Study 10:30

Disciple I Bible Study 12:30

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Disciple IV 12:30

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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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Senior High 7:00
Adult Study Group 7:00

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Dessert Auction Benefits Education Program in Haiti

On Sunday, November 18, 2012, auctioneer Charlie Cuykendall will once again auction off delicious desserts at Lansing United Methodist Church's Dessert Auction. Serve the desserts that night or freeze them for the holidays. At 11:45 PM, participants may taste all of the desserts for a five dollar 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 Haiti. It's a family event, it's fun, and it supports education programs in Haiti.

Prayer Concerns

Colin Avery
 Dean Benware
 Cheryl Dykeman-Loveless
 Mary Gagnon, Charlotte's grandmother
 Charles Scott, Laura Alexander's brother
 Amy Smith, Jamey Jones's mother
 Lisa Topoleski, Judy Sweazey's daughter

Mourning family and friends of
 Ruth Juraka
 Isobel Kane, Dan Veaner's aunt

Assistance Needed for Advanced Haitian Students

Two of our Haitian university students desperately need more financial help to complete their college education. Aniel Estime is majoring in civil engineering and is in the third year of a five-year civil engineering program, and Jean Clifford Cherisier is in the third year of a four-and-one-half-year computer technology program. Both men have been very successful in their studies. It would be tragic to have to tell these men that we cannot meet their financial needs, but right now that is our situation. Tuition, books, housing, and food is such that each man needs approximately \$2,900 per trimester. We paid the first trimester, but we cannot cover their two remaining trimesters. If you would like more information or are able to help please contact Judy Hinderliter jk.hinderliter@gmail.com or 533-7287.

Thursday Evening Adult Study Group with Pastor Jane

The Thursday evening group is doing two studies running together. *The Bible from Scratch* will run for the first three Thursdays of the month, and we will focus on Bible basics starting with the Old Testament, using the Donald L. Griggs book as our guide. The fourth Thursday of the month, we will study *Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus*, by Robin Meyers, which discusses what it means to follow Jesus' teachings today. Everyone is welcome to attend either or both of the studies as you are able.

The Harvest Bazaar and Dinner

Saturday, November 10

Bazaar 2:00

Dinner 4:00-7:00

The Harvest Bazaar & Dinner are only a few weeks away. Do you want to get to know your fellow parishioners better? Do you want to laugh while you're working? Do you want to help our church reach its financial goals? Then we need your help.

In order to make this event a success, we still need:

- 15 people signed up to cook, carve, and deliver turkeys to the church by 10:00 AM on the 10th. Donate your own turkey or pick one up at the church to take home and cook;
- People to cook squash, available at the church;
- Piemakers to provide pies for dessert;
- 4 people to help the prep crew from 8:00 AM until noon; and
- 8 to 10 people to do cleanup from 6:45 PM until done (approximately 9:30/10:00).

Sign-up sheets are up in the Narthex for additional items that are needed and for volunteers to help on the day of the dinner.

Questions? Please call Dick Stark at 227-9602.

Adult Sunday School

Our three studies continue: "Listening to the Language of the Bible, Hearing it Through Jesus' Ears," with Karen Veaner; "Meditation: A Conversation with God," with Ravi Walsh; and "The Source by James Michener—A Book Club," with Ben Veaner. Please join us at any time! Questions? Contact Karen Veaner at AdultMinistries@lansingunited.org or 592-1386.

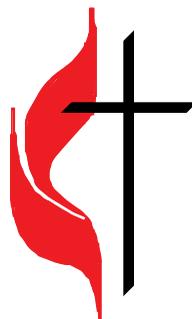
Clothes Horse Visits Lansing Food Pantry

The Clothes Horse, which offers free clothing to Food Pantry clients, reopened during the October Food Pantry, and will be set up in the Narthex during the Lansing Food Pantry distribution through March. If you have children's or adult clothing or shoes to donate (especially winter clothing), please leave it in the bin in the hallway outside the church office. Some special needs we often have requests for: baby clothes, adult clothing in extra large sizes for both men and women, and winter boots in all sizes. This year we will also be accepting warm bedding—sheets, blankets, comforters, and quilts. We are also looking for a few stalwart men or women to help with the loading and unloading of the clothing bins from Kate's truck each month. If you can help, please contact Harriet Larin or Kate Payne.

Food Pantry Turkey Opportunity

You can make Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner a real celebration for one of your neighboring families in need by donating now to the Lansing Food Pantry. Tioga Downs has offered to match donations for turkeys from now to Christmas, up to \$20,000. Please help out with this opportunity to make a difference. Just make out your check to LUMC, with Food Pantry Turkey in the memo.

The annual LUMC Turkey Trot will be held on Thanksgiving morning on a 5K course that involves some elevation change. Gather at the church for a 9:00 start, and time yourself if you want. Don't forget to sign the log, as a record of who all ran this year. Just a fun way to start the day before the tryptophan kicks in. Yes, that's a myth, but it's our excuse for a nap.



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