

Please join us for Worship at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM Sunday school 10:30 AM



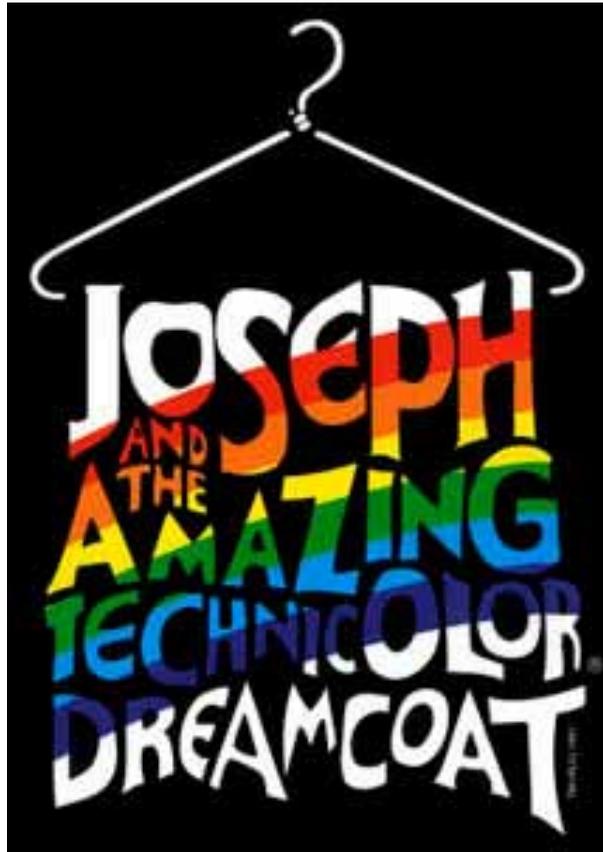
The Sunbeam

March 2012

Lansing United Methodist Church
lansingunited.org

Pastor: Jane Sautter

Christian Education Coordinator: Adam Bacher • Adult Ministries Coordinator: Sarah Crossgrove



LUMC Children's Musical

March 25

10:30 AM

From the Pastor

Being Vulnerable...to Jesus

Here we are. Lent has begun. Usually, this means that spring is near, but this seems very odd this year, since we have hardly had any winter at all. This does remind us, though, that some things are beyond our control. Being “out of control” makes us very uncomfortable. When we dig deeper, though, we realize that there is very little that we truly control from beginning to end. Recognizing our lack of control can be intimidating. If there is one thing I know about our human nature, it is that we do not like being vulnerable **at all!**

During this time of Lent, as we reflect on our own lives, I ask that you also reflect on the life of Jesus. Think about how vulnerable Jesus was during the last weeks of his life. Think about how frustrated he must have been when those closest to him didn't understand what he was saying. Think about how sad he must have been to know that one of his disciples was going to betray him. When we think about Jesus' life, our own issues of vulnerability pale by comparison.

One Great Hour of Sharing

On March 18, we will receive the offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering is important because it supports the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief—UMCOR. Because of this offering, when you give money to specific UMCOR projects or disaster work, every penny goes to the work. There's no overhead charge, because of One Great Hour of Sharing.

The ways our vulnerability manifests itself vary from person to person. Some of us are most vulnerable when we are ill...knowing that we need assistance, but reluctant (or too proud) to ask for it. Some of us are most vulnerable at a time of loss...not wanting to “burden” others with our problems. Some of us are most vulnerable at times of change...not wanting to give voice to our fears or anxieties.

Jesus shows us how to use our personal vulnerabilities to grow in our faith. When Jesus was fearful, he asked for help and support from his disciples, even though they weren't able to follow through for him. He was able to stand in the face of authority and be vulnerable without being defensive. He was able to show mercy and forgiveness in the midst of his greatest pain and disappointment.

May we look to Jesus, may we follow Jesus, may we learn from Jesus...and may this Lent be a time of finding ways to be vulnerable with one another, as Jesus was vulnerable to and for us.

*Blessings,
Pastor Jane*

Prayer Concerns

Chris Bordoni, wounded in Afghanistan
%Carol Bordoni Sprague
IHG Army Hotels—Ft. Sam Houston
Bldg. 3625, Rm 431
3298 George Beach Ave.
Ft. Sam Houston, TX 78234

Diane Poole, friend of Bidlespachers



Haiti Scholarship
Benefit #1

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner at LUMC

On Saturday, March 10, from 4:30 until 7:00 PM, a chicken and biscuit dinner will be served in Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be available during coffee hour March 4. Since this is the first time LUMC has hosted this kind of dinner, we are planning on serving only 150 dinners. Proceeds from the dinner will help pay for the expenses of our Haiti university students.

Haiti Scholarship Benefit #2

It Is Not a Marathon nor a Telethon but a Hymnathon

Our organist, Sharon Powell, is going to play every hymn in the hymnal on Saturday, March 31, in the LUMC sanctuary. Beginning at 9:00 AM, she will play one verse of every hymn, starting with “Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (number 57) and finishing with “Come Sunday” (number 733). She anticipates finishing in approximately eight hours. Sharon hopes to receive pledges for the hymnathon that will help pay the tuition of one of our Haitian university students. Come listen or sing along as well as sponsor Sharon. Pledge sheets will be available during coffee hour or in the church office.—*Judy Hinderliter*

Children's Musical

Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat
by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice
March 25 following the Worship Service

“Fling” into Spring

Tuesday, March 20, 6:00

The “Spring Fling” dish-to-pass dinner will be consumed on the first day of spring, Tuesday, March 20, at 6:00 PM. Bring your own place settings, beverages are provided. Say farewell to winter and enjoy some warm company.—*Gary Travis*

Notes from Church World Service

Here's an opportunity to work on packing CWS kits. A bus will travel from NYS to Maryland, May 21–25. You'll see the results of all those collection efforts! Contact CWS at 315-458-8525 or dandersson@church-worldservice.org to get on the bus. It fills quickly!

Thank you for giving from the heart.

We continue to be touched by the generosity of CWS Kit Program supporters. From sewing groups who sew School Kit bags to be filled, to Lansing UMC for providing an endless supply of Kits, to retail stores donating buckets when needs are great for our Emergency Clean-up Bucket, to kids foregoing [sic] birthday gifts and instead asking for donations to put together Hygiene Kits. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Ukrainian Egg Decorating Event

Palm Sunday, April 1, 1:00

Open to all adults and senior high youth.

Come learn from Kathy Lee the art of Ukrainian egg decorating. All you need to bring is a tapered candle (dinner candle) in a holder and a willingness to try a new art form. (A donation of one dollar per egg is appreciated, but not necessary, to go towards supplies.) Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 on Palm Sunday to learn this craft.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



March 2012

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

4 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30
Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30
K.A.N. 4:00
Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00
Fireplace Praise Service 6:00
LUMC Men's Group 7:00

5 Disciple Bible Study 12:30
Staff Parish 7:00

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

8 Adult Study Group 7:00
Senior High 7:00

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10 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
Southern Tier Flood Relief Team 8:00
Blood Drive 8:30
Haiti Chicken and Biscuit Dinner 4:30

11 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30
Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30
Adult Ministries 11:30
Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00
Fireplace Praise Service 6:00
LUMC Men's Group 7:00

12 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00
Prayer Service at Woodsedge 11:00
Disciple Bible Study 12:30
Trustees 7:00

13 "Lord, Is It I?" Rehearsal 7:00
14 Prayer Service 9:00
Women's Bible Study 9:30
Choir 7:00

15 Adult Study Group 7:00
Senior High 7:00
SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight

16
17 Mens' Breakfast 7:00

18 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30
Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30
Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive
Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00
Fireplace Praise Service 6:00
LUMC Men's Group 7:00

19 Disciple Bible Study 12:30
Haiti 7:00

20 SPRING BEGINS
"Spring Fling" Dish to pass 6:00
Membership 7:00
Worship Committee 7:30

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

22 Adult Study Group 7:00
Senior High 7:00
"Lord, Is It I?" Rehearsal 7:00

23
24 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
Southern Tier Flood Relief Team 8:00
Children's Musical Dress Rehearsal

25 AFRICA UNIVERSITY IMMERSION
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Worship 9:00
Children's Musical: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" 10:30
Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00
Fireplace Praise Service 6:00
LUMC Men's Group 7:00

26 Disciple Bible Study 12:30
Food Pantry 3:00
Clothes Horse 3:00
"Lord, Is It I?" Rehearsal 7:00

27 Youth Ministry Team 7:00

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

29 Adult Study Group 7:00
Senior High 7:00

30
31 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
"Hymnathon" 9:00 - ?

Food Pantry

Each year the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation issues a million-dollar challenge to food pantries across the nation. The foundation will send part of that million dollars to every food pantry according to how much money and food is donated during the months of March and April. So, here's your chance to help out the food pantry double, with your own donation and an additional kick from the Feinstein Foundation.

Dare to Develop Your Gifts

"Do not neglect the spiritual gift that is within you..." "1 Timothy 4:14"

God has given you talents and opportunities that are uniquely yours. Are you willing to use your gifts in the way that God intends? And are you willing to summon the discipline that is required to develop your talents and to hone your skills? That's precisely what God wants you to do, and that's precisely what you should desire for yourself.

As you seek to expand your talents, you will undoubtedly encounter stumbling blocks along the way, such as the fear of rejection or the fear of failure. When you do, don't stumble! Just continue to refine your skills, and offer your services to God. And when the time is right, He will use you—but it's up to you to be thoroughly prepared when He does.

There's a unique sense of fulfillment that comes when we submit our gifts to God's use and ask Him to energize them in a supernatural way—and then step back to watch what He does.—*Bill Thomas on behalf of Lansing United Methodist Men's group*

Celebrate Life!

Our lives, and the lives of our loved ones, are filled with so many happy events and milestones aren't they? There are births, baptisms, birthdays, Christmases, Easters, anniversaries, engagements, confirmations, graduations, weddings, promotions, and retirements. One way that we can enrich and celebrate these times is by making a contribution to LUMC's Living Memorial Endowment Fund. The gift not only shows a friend or family member how much they mean to us, it also strengthens our Church's mission work by increasing our endowment fund. We often get stumped over what to buy for someone—many of us already have too many material "things" in our lives. So the next time a blessed event happens in the life of a loved one, think about giving to our Church's Living Memorial Endowment Fund in your loved one's name. They will receive a card that informs them that a gift has been made in their name, and you will receive a receipt of your donation, which is tax deductible to the extent of the tax code.—*Dave Frahm, on behalf of the Stewardship Committee*

Adult Ministry Audit

Your Comments Count!

Please take a few moments to complete the survey from the Adult Ministries Team. While we already have some wonderful opportunities for adults with our Women's and Men's Bible Studies, Disciple, and Thursday evening study group it is time to explore some additional opportunities! Whether it is LUMC retreats, an additional Sunday school class or topical studies about parenting, aging, health or finances let's collect those ideas and make them happen!

Adult Ministry Audit

Please Return by Sunday, March 11, to box in Narthex

The survey is available here, as [a link on the LUMC website](#), and on a table in the Narthex. Since there's not enough room to write on this Sunbeam edition, you may wish to use one of the other forms. Please feel free to share any additional comments not covered by these questions.

1. In what areas of the church do you participate? Outreach activities, committees, Bible studies.....

2. In what Adult Education opportunities have you participated?

On a scale of 1-10 (low to high) how satisfied were you with the experience?

Women's Bible Study _____
Evening Bible Study _____
Men's Bible Study _____
Disciple Bible Study _____
Adult Sunday School _____
Other _____

3. What do we do well in the area of Adult Christian Education?

4. How do you find out about Adult Christian Education opportunities?

5. Do you participate in Christian Education opportunities offered outside of LUMC?

Yes No If so, what are they?

How likely are you to participate in Adult education classes? (scale 1 = not at all, 10 = definitely)

a. To what extent does your answer above depend on the time a class is offered?

(1-10, not at all – completely) _____

To what extent does your answer above depend on the topics offered?

(1-10, not at all – completely) _____

7. What are the biggest obstacles that could

prevent you from participating in Adult Christian Education opportunities?

8. What would you like to see offered for Adult Christian Education?

9. In what areas do you feel challenged as a Christian? (e.g.,: parenting, aging, finances, Bible study, prayer)

10. What is your preferred way to participate in Christian Education? Circle as many as you like.

Sunday School Bible Study Groups
Small Groups Guided Self-study LUMC
Retreats Other _____

11. What has been your most meaningful experience with adult Christian education (at LUMC or elsewhere)?

What made it so meaningful?

12. What resources, either people or instructional materials, do you know of that could help with our Adult Christian Education program?

13. Would you be interested in organizing or leading any Christian Education classes?

About You

1. How long have you attended LUMC?
__0-2 yrs __3-5 yrs __6+ yrs

2. Marital Status: Single Married Widowed Divorced

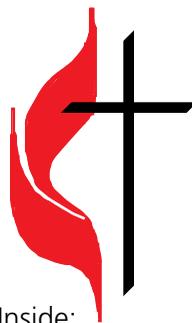
3. Age Group: 18-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56-65 65 and up

4. Do you have children under 18 years old?
__yes __no

5. Will you need childcare to participate in adult study opportunities? __yes __no

If you wish to be contacted regarding this survey or would like to assist in planning, please put your name and contact information here:

Additional Comments



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