

The + Sunbeam

November 2013

Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 AM, SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!

Pastor: Jane Sautter

Christian Education Coordinator: Adam Bacher

Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner



**Give Thanks to God
Thanksgiving 2013**

Forward...or Backward?

Ahhh...what a celebration!! I hope you all enjoyed the 50th Anniversary Celebration as much as I did; it was quite a day! In the midst of all the joy, we have some challenges ahead of us to be sure that we maintain our vitality. It is oftentimes difficult to face the reality that change is necessary if we are to move forward...but change we must. There is a saying among church leadership, "There are only two directions for churches to move—forward or backward—there is no status quo."

The Church Council has begun talking about our need to change—specifically, to address some of our space limitations and possible solutions. You will be hearing **much** more about this in the future, but for now, I would like to address one of the major roadblocks to this process—fear. I am certain that when our founders began the discussion of forming LUMC that there was a significant amount of fear. What if we can't afford it? What if people leave? What if the economy tanks? What if? What if? What if?

I recently began using Mark Nepo's daybook *The Book of Awakening* for my personal devotions. I was struck by one entry about fear and would like to share it with you. These are his words unedited:

Fear gets its power from our not looking, at either the fear or what we're afraid of. Remember that attic or closet door behind which something terrifying waited, and the longer we didn't look, the harder it was to open that door?

As a boy this obsessed me until I would avoid that part of the house. But, finally, when no one was home, I felt compelled to face the unknown. I stood before that attic door for the longest time, my heart pounding. It took all my small inner boy strength to open it.

I waited at the threshold, and nothing happened. I inched my way in and stood in the dark, even longer, until my breathing slowed, and to my surprise, my eyes grew accustomed to the dark. Pretty soon, I was able to explore the old musty boxes, and found pictures of my grandfather, my father's father, the only one in my family that I am like. Seeing those pictures opened me to aspects of my spirit.

It seems whatever the door, whatever our fear—be it love or truth or even the prospect of death—we all have this choice, again and again: avoiding that part of our house, or opening the door and finding out more about ourselves by waiting until what is dark becomes seeable.

If we are willing to trust God to show us the way, we will find that whatever lies behind the door of our fear will bring its own blessings to LUMC. May we be free enough of our fears to open the door.

Blessings, Pastor Jane

Harvest Dinner & Bazaar Still On

Despite rumors to its untimely demise, the Harvest Dinner and Bazaar will be held as scheduled November 9, but we need your help. While it's too late to get the supplies in and make the peanut brittle, we still have time to have our annual turkey dinner and bake sale. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: (1) Bake sale leader(s), (2) Food prep leader for Friday (and workers), (3) Food prep leader for Saturday a.m. (and workers), (4) Kitchen leader for dinner (and workers), (5) Dining room leader (and servers), (6) Dish washing and cleanup leader and crew, (7) Post-dinner counters (2), and (8) Dinner ticket sales people (2). We'll also be accepting food donations, and those needs will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. In the past we've also had craft rooms and are open to any ideas. If you'd like to help, please email Pat Gillespie at gillespiepd@hotmail.com or call 607-266-0232.—*Pat Gillespie*

Notes from 50 Years:

How the Rummage Sale Came to Be

As treasurer of the building fund, Bob Jolly was having a difficult time making the monthly payments. About this time the PTA decided to give up their rummage sale, so Janet Bradley suggested to me (Jean Jolly) that our church should try this undertaking to help the Building Fund. So, in 1969, we had our first sale and netted \$372.65! What a big boost when we hit \$528 in 1972! In the early years, we had to work around Head Start, which used 1/3 of the Sunday school area weekday mornings. Gradually our space and our profits increased. We even overflowed into the parking area. We needed more racks, so Cockrams invented the hanging poles. Eventually we recruited some men to check out small appliances and tools, which was a big help.

Clean up was the hardest job, and anyone who had a truck was fair game. Good, usable items were sent to the Salvation Army thrift shop, farmers would buy cotton clothes for rags, and the rest went to the dumps, often at Bensons' or Hardies'.

In fall 1979, we reached our goal of \$1,000, and after these 20 sales as chair, I became a worker and Barb Meal (Denhoff) took over as chair for the next 10 sales. We had many loyal, dedicated workers.

Our four main objectives were: (1) Financial support for the church; (2) Service to the community (clothing for school nurse, Haiti, and other specific needs); (3) Fellowship—a good way for new people to make friends; and (4) Recycle—we made this popular before it became popular!—*Jeanne Jolly*

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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Note: This calendar is current as of October 23. For updates to all LUMC events, visit lansingunited.org.

1 Needleworkers 10:00

2 Men's Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00
Prayer Shawl Ministry/ Caregivers 10:00
Daylight Time Ends Tonight Set Your Clocks Back

3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Worship 9:00
Eastern Standard Time
Sunday School 10:30

Kids in Action Now 3:30

4 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30
Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30

Staff Parish 7:00

5
Church Council 7:00

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

Bell Choir 6:00
Adult Choir 7:00

7
Senior High Youth 7:00

8 Needleworkers 10:00

9 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
Harvest Bazaar 2:00
Harvest Dinner 4:30

10 Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30
Junior Choir Rehearsal 11:30

11 Veterans Day
Pancakes and Prayers 6:30
Mobile Food Pantry 10:00
Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30
Trustees 7:00

12
13 Prayer Service 9:00
Women's Bible Study 9:30
Bell Choir 6:00
Adult Choir 7:00

14
Senior High Youth 7:00

15 Needleworkers 10:00

16 Men's Breakfast 7:00
SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight

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

18 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30
Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30
Haiti 7:00

19 Membership 7:00
Worship Committee 7:30
20 Prayer Service 9:00
Women's Bible Study 9:30
Bell Choir 6:00
Adult Choir 7:00

21
Senior High Youth 7:00

22 Needleworkers 10:00

23 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
On a Mission 5K Turkey Trot 9:00

24 UNITED METHODIST STUDENT SUNDAY
Dessert Auction for Haiti 11:45

25 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30
Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30
Lansing Food Pantry 1:00

26 **Community Thanksgiving Service**
Hosted by Asbury Assembly of God 7:00
27 Prayer Service 9:00
Women's Bible Study 9:30

28 **Thanksgiving**
Community Turkey Trot or Walk 9:00

29

30 Mens' Breakfast 7:00

Eighth Annual Haiti Dessert Auction

Sunday, November 24

Auctioneer Charlie Cuykendall will once again auction off delicious desserts made by Lansing's finest bakers. Serve them that night or freeze them for the holidays! Starting at 11:45 AM, participants may taste any and all of the desserts for a \$5.00 donation. Beverages and hotdogs will also be available. At 12:15, the auction begins with a fresh set of baked goods. Proceeds from the auction will help pay the tuition and expenses of our university students. It's a family event, it's fun, and it supports two education programs in Haiti! Please Join Us!



Our Haitian University Students Need Your Help

The following is a note of thanks from Jean Clifford Cherisier one of our Haitian university students.

Good morning every one at the committee and else.

This morning I am deeply touched by the greatness of your actions to change the Haiti of tomorrow.

Thank you for your pieces (financial help) to make the reconstruction of the new Haiti a dream of every Haitian. I think this new Haiti must first go through the education of young and old.

A thousand thank you for your prayers and financial support, morals.

May God continue to bless your country, your family and personal activities!

Sincerely, Jean Clifford

Note from the Haiti Committee: Our five university students in the Dominican Republic continue to do well in their studies, and all are so grateful for the help you give them. Three of the five are fully supported, but two of the men, Jean Clifford and Aniel Estime are not. Their next college payment is due in December, and we don't have the funding to help them. They are studying in the DR due to the earthquake, but it is an expensive education.

Here is an example of the payment that was made for one student in August. (Expenses are paid three times a year for each trimester).

Tuition, registration, laboratory:

\$1,263

Books: \$ 600

Other materials: \$ 400

4 months rent: \$ 360

4 months food: \$ 600

Monthly visa: \$ 80

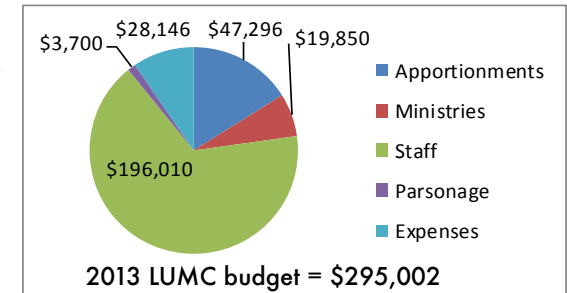
Total: \$3,353

Our current sponsors have paid for the first trimester, but we need 20 sponsors who can contribute \$300 to help these men. Please consider helping any way that you can. Thank you—*Judy Hinderliter for the Haiti Committee*

Living the Legacy

This year's Stewardship Campaign, "Living the Legacy," continues the two-year celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of LUMC. Last year's campaign celebrated our unique heritage and our proud accomplishments, and we began to dream about the future. This year, the campaign focuses 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 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.

Along that line, the stewardship campaign provides the financial foundation for LUMC's annual operating budget, which supports worship, education, and mission programs and covers staff salaries and benefits, utilities, insurance, and our apportionments (LUMC's share of the 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.

You should have received a stewardship letter and a pledge card, or you can pick one up in church. Completed pledge cards will be received during worship on Commitment Sunday, November 10.

We hope you will join us in "Living the Legacy" into the future.—*Jane Sautter, Pastor, and Joel Brock, Campaign Chair*



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Celebrating 50 Years
of Serving and Praising
God

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HARVEST DINNER

NOVEMBER 9

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 10

ON A MISSION 5K

9:00 AM, NOVEMBER 23

DESSERT AUCTION FOR HAITI

NOVEMBER 24

ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

9:00 AM, NOVEMBER 28

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