

Lansing United Methodist Church
Summertime Worship 9:30 AM

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Responding to the Flood Disaster

From the Pastor

Looking Ahead to the Next 50

It doesn't seem possible that it is August already and that we are ready to kick off our 50th Anniversary Celebration! What an exciting time for LUMC—we have so much to celebrate. This unique and vibrant congregation has a legacy of love and ministry that is truly amazing. Our history is jam packed with stories of outreach and missions to the community and to the world. Let's rally round and join in the year-long festivities with gusto!

There is a reason, though, that rear-view mirrors are small while windshields are large. We can look back to see where we have been, but must stay focused on where we are going. If we try to move into the future while focusing on the past, we are doomed to run into a ditch! Part of our 50th Anniversary observances ought to be building on our legacy to insure a secure future. Those who made LUMC what it is today need to be assured that we will not allow their hard work come to an end.

While at Construction Zone at Casowasco (aka Lego Camp), I was struck by how much easier it was for the creations made by the kids to be taken apart than it was for them to be built. I think this can be a metaphor for a lot of things. It's easier to watch the movie rather than read the book. It's easier to buy the sweater than to knit one. It is easier to "get out of the habit" of attending church than it is to create that habit. And it is always easier to sit idle than it is to get busy.

In our joy and celebration we must always be thinking of how we can move forward to be absolutely sure that the 100th Anniversary Celebration will be a reality. With God's help, it will be so.

*Blessings,
Pastor Jane*

Summer Church Picnics and Ice Cream Socials

Gather for a pleasant summer evening at the church picnics and ice cream socials. Picnics are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, August 6, Hosted by Lorraine Groat & Gaylord Besemer,
337 Auburn Road (Rte 34), 2 miles north of Bakers Acres

Wednesday, August 21, Host needed

Ice cream socials move from one ice cream stand to another, with the August locations being Lakebreeze (Rte 34 just south of the light in South Lansing) on August 11, and Scoops (just a bit north of the light on Auburn Rd., Rte 34B) on August 25. Gather at 6:00 and then set your own schedule.



Our 50th Anniversary Is Upon Us

It's hard to believe that it has been 50 short years since the merger of five Lansing area churches formed what we now know as Lansing United Methodist Church. Our founding members were in their 20s and 30s when they chose to merge the churches—North Lansing, Asbury, Myers, Ludlowville and Lansingville in 1963.

We will be celebrating our 50th anniversary throughout the 2013–2014 "program" year. We'll kick off with a dish-to-pass brunch and ice cream social on Sunday, August 25, in Fellowship Hall following worship.

In September, we'll have something special planned for Sunday School registration day (Sept. 8) and officially launch our anniversary celebration.

The following month, our new Resident Bishop Mark Webb will join us on October 13 and preach during worship. Following coffee, we'll have a Founder's Panel beginning at 11 AM, followed by a dish-to-pass lunch at 12:30 PM. We'll conclude the day with a Homecoming Choir & Bells concert at 1:30 PM.

The anniversary organizing committee has a lot more planned throughout the year. Please keep an eye on the web site, LUMC's Facebook page, Church at Work and Sunbeam for more details.

If you're interested in helping out with any events or projects, please grab one of us before or after church, give us a ring or fire off an email (gillespiepd@hotmail.com).—*Pat Gillespie, on behalf of the 50th Anniversary Organizing Committee: Dave Frahm, Sue Frahm, Pastor Jane Sautter, and Diane Withiam*

How do you celebrate LUMC's 50th anniversary in song?

- **Join adult choir (rehearsals begin Wednesday, Sept. 4, 7–8:30 PM).**
- **Join junior choir (for grades 3-8, rehearsals begin Sunday, Sept. 15, from noon to 12:30).**
- **Save the date: Our October 13 celebration will conclude with an afternoon of ringing and singing.**
- **Let Diane know your favorite anthem or hymn so that we can include it in our year-long celebration.**

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



**Lansing
United
Methodist
Church**

*August
2013*

Prayer Service 9:00

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Needleworkers 10:00

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Men's Breakfast at
Linda's in North Lansing
Every Saturday 7:00

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Summer Worship 9:30
at the Church

Youth Mission at All Saints 6:30

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Staff Parish 7:00

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Church Picnic 6:00
Hosted by Lorraine Groat and
Gaylord Besemer

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Prayer Service 9:00

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Needleworkers 10:00

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00

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Summer Worship 9:30
at the Church

Ice Cream Social 6:00
Lake Breeze, South Lansing

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Mobile Food Pantry 10:00

Trustees 7:00

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SUNBEAM DEADLINE
12:00 Midnight

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Needleworkers 10:00

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Men's Breakfast 7:00

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Summer Worship 9:30
at the Church

Youth Mission
Can and Bottle Drive

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Membership 7:00
Worship Committee 7:30

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Prayer Service 9:00

Church Picnic 6:00

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Needleworkers 10:00

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00

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Summer Worship 9:30
at the Church
LUMC 50th Anniversary Kick-off
Dish-to-pass and ice cream social following
church

Ice Cream Social 6:00
Scoops, South Lansing

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Lansing Food Pantry 3:00

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Prayer Service 9:00

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00

Note: This calendar is current
as of July 28. For updates
to all LUMC events, visit
lansingunited.org.

Church World Service Update

School kits and Hygiene Kits for Church World Service are more critical than ever, given recent storms and floods, as well as the many children in refugee camps. So, when you're shopping the back-to-school sales, don't forget to pick up some supplies for the kits.

School Kits

- One pair of blunt metal 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 (12") ruler
- 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" plain or patterned cloth bag with cloth handles, to hold the above items. (Please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)

Hygiene Kits

- One hand towel (about 16" by 28", not a fingertip or a bath towel)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards)
- One bath size bar of soap, in wrapper
- One toothbrush, in original packaging
- Six Band-aids
- \$1 to buy toothpaste later

Note: Due to international shipping and import regulations, the kits cannot have substitutions, but must have exactly the items specified. With the cost of shipping, you are encouraged to make a donation of \$2 per kit to help ship them.

Youth Mission and VBS vs. Superstorm Sandy

Youth mission completed a week-long trip to the Rockaways on Long Island in July, to help with recovery from Superstorm Sandy. Working in two crews, the group handled demolition work at one house and helped lay a floor at another house.

VBS Children Supported the Superstorm Sandy Mission Trip. The children attending Vacation Bible School collected and contributed over \$300 to purchase Sawzalls for the Youth Mission trip. Thanks to those who supported this effort. One of the reciprocating saws will be left with the host group to be used by other mission groups; the other will be kept by our Youth Mission group to be used on future mission trips.

Mohawk Valley Flood Relief: Help Needed

Volunteers are needed in the areas of the state hardest hit by flooding in late June 2013, especially after FEMA turned down the residents for federal aid. NYS and UMCOR have stepped in with financial aid. The \$16 million aid from the state will at best cover only about half of the losses. In the city of Oneida, 210 were homes affected by the flooding; 170 of them were "severely" affected, meaning water went into first floor. At the maximum allocation of \$31,900, only 94 residents could receive funding before Madison County's \$3 million allotment would run dry.

In Herkimer approximately 100 homes were damaged. Teams of



Bishop Mark Webb (red shirt), UMCOR Disaster Coordinator Greg Forrester (green shirt), and Bill Gottschalk-Fielding, director of connectional ministries, in Fort Plain last month.

volunteers from UMCOR, several churches in the Conference, AmeriCorps, Mohawk Valley Regional Volunteers, and the Natick UMC in Massachusetts, are among the 17 organizations that have helped to clean out approximately 65 homes in Herkimer.

Volunteers are urgently needed

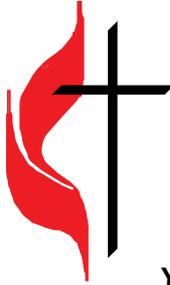
to continue, and in some cases start, removing of debris, mucking out basements, and cleaning and sanitizing. *Respond & Rebuild*, a group of volunteers from New York City with expertise in mold removal, has offered its services.

In Fort Plain, more than 200 homes were heavily damaged, with more than 35 condemned and approximately 160 families displaced. Some 271 homes in Fort Plain were still without electricity as of July 18.

Churches in Fort Plain and Oneida are providing emergency meal service. To volunteer your services contact disaster coordinator David Woodcock at (315) 263-0153 or unyacdr@gmail.com. To donate, write a check to LUMC and note Conference Flood Relief in the memo.

Young Adult Fellowship

Young Adult Fellowship, for the 20- to 30-something crowd, will meet Wednesdays at 6:00 at the Enchanted Badger throughout the summer. All are welcome to enjoy the fun, games, and fellowship. Enchanted Badger is at 335 Elmira Road (Ithaca), across from Arby's.



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Celebrating 50
Years of Serving and
Praising God

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SUMMER WORSHIP 9:30 AM

IN THE SANCTUARY

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