



The Sunbeam October 2014

Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:00AM

KIDZ QUEST AND SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!

Pastor: Jane Sautter

Christian Education Coordinator: Kevin Klippel

Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner



**World
Communion
Sunday**

October 5

From the Pastor

E.G.O. = Easing God Out

Our egos are amazingly deceptive. They can tell us that we are way more important than we really are. They can give us a false sense of security, which often leads to a hard fall. Our ego can tell us that what we are doing will never hurt anyone else because it blinds us to anything but ourselves. Our ego can tell us that we are being hurt by others when that is not reality. Our ego blocks out the God who loves us and calls us beloved.

Last Sunday, I read a prayer-poem that I thought I had lost, but I found while purging a closet (rummage is right around the corner!). Since many of you asked for a copy, I thought this was the most efficacious way to distribute it to you. I want you to pay special attention to the line near the end that speaks of our ego. Think about how this might apply to your life of prayer. Think about how this might apply to your life of work. Think about how this might apply to your life.

Resting in God's Delight by Alan Jones

Prayer is a question not only of our desire for God, but also of God's desire for us. God, the center outside our lost autonomous selves, believes in us. God finds me credible when I am barely present and real to myself. God finds me desirable when I can hardly bear to look at myself. That God finds us desirable raises the question of whether we believe we are intrinsically good the way a flower or a tree is good. Can we bear the miracle of our own significance?

It is said that the spiritual life begins when the soul begins to recognize its own God-given dignity. It begins when we accept how intrinsically good we are, not how bad we are. This doesn't mean pretending that we are perfect or that we have done no wrong. It does mean, however, giving up our low opinion of ourselves, which is the last trick of the ego to keep us concentrating on ourselves. Sin is denying our dignity, our desirability. Prayer is a daily disciplined way of resting in God's delight in us.

My prayer for each of us in this autumn season is that we are able to get out of our own way and find ways to "rest in God's delight in us." Amen and amen.

*With blessings,
Pastor Jane*

Fall Rummage Sale

The Fall Sale will be held Friday, October 3, and Saturday, October 4. Volunteers are needed the entire week before the sale, during the sale, and for cleanup on Saturday, October 4.

Nancy Myers will be in the kitchen supervising Café Rummage again, so please help out with food donations for the workers, as well as staple items.

For the rummage sale 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:

As October begins, it's too late to donate. (Donations are accepted Sunday, September 27, through Tuesday, September 29. Then it's time to help out with sorting, organizing, and pricing, and, of course, supporting Café Rummage.

October 3 & 4: The sale begins at 8:00 both days.

Volunteers are especially needed for clean-up, which starts at noon on Saturday.

Questions? Please contact Rummage co-chairs Ed LaVigne (533-7603) or Shelly Stark (342-1491).

Fall Harvest Bazaar & Dinner – November 15

Save the date for the LUMC Fall Harvest Bazaar and Dinner. The bazaar will run from 2-7 p.m., while the dinner will go from 4-7 p.m. We're looking for someone to coordinate things in the kitchen (including planning the menu and recruiting staff, plus managing the dinner itself), as well as someone to organize the bake sale. We are making peanut brittle this year (see below) so we'll have the candy shop again, as well as a few other shops.

If you would like to help out, please contact Pat Gillespie at gillespiepd@hotmail.com or 266-0232.

Peanut Brittle Bees

You may not hear any buzzing, but you'll definitely smell the wonderful aroma of peanut brittle on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 21, 22, and 23. Stop by to learn the secrets of how to mix and pull the brittle. Watch for signups in the Narthex.

Supporting Hospital Albert Schweitzer

Pass It On

It only takes a spark to get a fire going
and soon all those around are caught up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love
once you've experienced it
You spread His love to everyone
You want to pass it on

Kurt Kaiser



Dean Benware is one of LUMC's missionaries to Haiti. It was a "spark" that Dean lit in 2008 that eventually brought approximately \$400,000 of medical supplies to Hospital Albert Schweitzer (HAS) in Des Chapelle, Haiti, in July 2013.

In July 2008, Dean read an article in the *Ithaca Times* about Project Cure, the largest provider of donated medical supplies and equipment to developing countries. He responded to the author of the article, JoAnne Guarino, Director of Project Cure, and told her that Lansing United Methodist Church had a long history with HAS and that the hospital desperately need supplies. It was on the grounds of the hospital that the school, l'Ecole la Providence, was first established. Later the school moved to its current location in Verrettes. When Dean contacted JoAnne, the head of supplies at the hospital was Esnel Cene, whose education had been paid for by sponsors from LUMC (since that time Esnel has continued his education and is currently the first Haitian to be comptroller for HAS, as well as chief of supply). Dean provided JoAnne with Esnel's contact information and asked Esnel to compile a list of medical supplies that were needed, such as dressings, sterile sponges, hip and knee packs, pain pumps, beds and mattresses, Caesarean section packs. It took 5 years and more than 4,000 emails and phone calls to arrange this project, but in July 2013 the supplies arrived in Port au Prince and were loaded onto trucks and delivered to HAS.

A huge project with lasting benefits began with Dean's desire to do God's will and help the people of Haiti.

'...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it for me.' (NRSV)

A Look at LUMC's Haiti Mission

LUMC has been involved in mission work in Haiti since 1967. Our first missionary was Jo Ernstein, and she was eventually succeeded by Barb Denhoff. In recent years the program has been administered by Dean Benware (currently living in Kentucky) and Dianne Walter. Our work in Haiti is facilitated by the Haiti Committee at LUMC.

Currently, we have four programs in Haiti. The first is an education program for children in the towns of Verrettes and Banique. Sponsors pay for the education of children in these towns and support them with their prayers. We support 27 children in Verrettes and 52 in Banique. Donations pay for their tuition, books, school supplies, uniforms, and sneakers.

The canteen program at l'Ecole la Providence in Verrettes supplies money for the school's lunch program. Our canteen donations pay for transportation of the food from Port au Prince to Verrettes, and also cover firewood, spices, and the cook's salary. The food itself comes from the BIN (Bureau of International Nutrition). It is not uncommon for this to be the students' only meal of the day.

The third program is an agricultural program at Church of the Living Water in Banique. There we have funded a tree nursery and provide the necessary supplies so that the children can plant trees in pots and care for them until the trees are large enough to be planted on the bare mountains. This program has become a part of the school curriculum for the fifth and sixth graders. Education plus hands on work will hopefully make the students better stewards of their environment.

The university program is our fourth and most ambitious program. With the help of about 21 committed sponsors and a variety of fund raising events we have been sponsoring six students at the university level since 2011. One student who majored in agronomy has graduated and the other five will graduate in 1 to 2 years. Of these men, two are going into medicine, two into computer technology, and one hopes to be a civil engineer. University costs continue to rise. We currently raise approximately \$80,000 a year to support these men. The main goal of these students is to make a positive contribution to their country and fellow Haitians and to show God's love to them. They all are committed to helping others as we have helped them.

If you are interested in donating to any one of these projects or would like to be part of the Haiti committee please contact Reenie Sandsted (reenieba@aol.com) or Judy Hinderliter (jk.hinderliter@gmail.com).—*Judy Hinderliter for the Haiti Committee*



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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			<p>1 Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Choir 7:00</p>	<p>2 Christian Believer 7:00 Senior High Youth 7:00</p>	<p>3 Rummage Sale 8:00 Both Days Rummage Sale Cleanup Saturday 12:00</p>	<p>4 Mens' Breakfast 7:00</p>
<p>5 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Worship 9:00 Kidz Quest 10:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 K.A.N. 5:30</p>	<p>6 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Prayer Service at Woodsedge 11:00 Christian Believer 12:30 Staff Parish 7:00 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00</p>	<p>9 Christian Believer 7:00 Senior High Youth 7:00</p>	<p>10 Needleworkers 10:00</p>	<p>11 Men's Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry/ Caregivers 10:00</p>
<p>12 Worship 9:00 Kidz Quest 10:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir 11:30</p>	<p>13 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Prayer Service at Woodsedge 11:00 Christian Believer 12:30 Trustees 7:00 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00</p>	<p>14 Fellowship Committee 7:00 Church Council 7:00</p>	<p>15 Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00</p>	<p>16 Christian Believer 7:00 Senior High Youth 7:00 SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight</p>	<p>17 Needleworkers 10:00</p>	<p>18 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Pork Roast at Ballfields 10:00 till gone</p>
<p>19 Worship 9:30 Kidz Quest 10:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir 11:30 CROP Walk 1:00 Myers Park Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive</p>	<p>20 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Christian Believer 12:30 Haiti 7:00 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00 Worship Committee 7:00</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Peanut Brittle Bee Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00</p>	<p>23 Christian Believer 7:00 Senior High Youth 7:00</p>	<p>24 Needleworkers 10:00</p>	<p>25 Mens' Breakfast 7:00</p>
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Building Study Committee

Dear Members in Christ,

We are writing to update each of you on a very significant happening in the life of our church. It is related to a very exciting study that has just begun and its implications for the future of Lansing UMC.

Back in September 2013, Bill Hinderliter, on behalf of the Church Council, helped kick off our church's 50th Anniversary Celebration by asking the congregation "what's next?" What followed was an outstanding seven-month visioning effort called "LUMC Forward" led by Steve Alexander and the Church Council. After carefully reviewing the LUMC Forward results and prayerfully reflecting on the matter, the Church Council determined that many of our ministries could be significantly enhanced if our church considered a building renovation... and so they created a Building Study Committee (BSC) to look into the matter.

The building study committee (BSC) is made up of Jim Blair, Karen Bishop, Mike Coles, Mike McGreevey, and Dave Stoyell, and by the time you read this, their work will be underway. Using the LUMC Forward data as a foundation, members of the building study committee (BSC) are organizing into "Task Forces" that will be meeting with the chairs, committee members and stakeholders of all our church's ministerial efforts to study how well our physical infrastructure helps each of them perform their missions and what, if any, building improvements the congregation should consider in order to make these ministries even more successful in the future.

When complete, the results of this study will be put before the congregation to determine whether you agree with its conclusions. Depending on the recommendation, if the congregation agrees, the building study committee (BSC) would then work with experts outside of the church to determine what is actually feasible and to obtain professional estimates of the cost. To be clear, the study that is underway does not obligate the church to undertake any building changes. It is the first step towards determining what, if anything, might be done.

For those of you who would like to know more, the process we are following is contained in the Book of Discipline paragraph (§) 2544. A copy of that section of The Discipline will be available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We also plan to hold an informational session after church in the near future and will announce the place and time in the *Sunbeam*, church bulletin and email.

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From the Building Study Committee (concluded)

As we move forward, we want to keep everyone informed so please pay attention to your church bulletin board in the Narthex and The Sunbeam. The information will also be available on the web page and in facebook. Also, if you would like to be an active part of this committee's work, please connect with Jim Blair. His contact information is: (607) 227-0224, or theblairs@twcny.rr.com.

It is a joy to be a part of this community of faith. We have an exciting several months ahead of us and we look forward to meeting all of its challenges and joys with each of you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jane, Bill Hinderliter, Jim Blair

Introducing Kevin Klippel

I'm really excited to have been given the opportunity to work with the kids and youth here at Lansing UMC! Originally from the Utica, NY area, I graduated from Ithaca College in 2010, where I met my beautiful wife, Mary. I moved to Homestead, FL in the summer of 2011 to serve as Youth Director at Silver Palm United Methodist Church, while Mary served at Branches United Methodist Church in Florida City with their extensive after-school program. We chose to move back to Ithaca because we wanted to settle down in an area closer to our families, and Ithaca seemed like a no-brainer! Lansing UMC had a position open that God seemed to just drop into my lap, and that's how I find myself here today. I'm thrilled to be a part of this community, and am very much looking forward to all of the great things God has in store for myself, my family, and our church going forward!

Blessings,

Kevin Klippel

Christian Education Coordinator

Lansing CROP Walk



October 19, 1:00-3:00

Myers Park

Join our K.A.N. kids at the town park. Sponsor a walker or be a walker in the effort to end hunger around the world and hunger right here in Lansing. CROP Walks have raised more than \$249 million to feed people in the last 20 years.

“Freedom Summer” 1964: The Methodist Connection

By Kathy L. Gilbert

For 10 hot summer weeks in 1964, more than 700 student volunteers from across the United States joined hands with African Americans in Mississippi. Together, they helped shatter the foundation of white supremacy and change American history.

Among that courageous group were many young United Methodist men and women who are now leaders both in the church and in the world. United Methodist News Service collected the following reflections from church, political, and educational leaders.

Missionary to Brazil

The Rev. Fred Morris was a United Methodist missionary candidate from Stony Point, New York, in 1963. He and other missionary candidates were preparing to go to Brazil. First, they chartered a bus and headed to the March on Washington, where they heard Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speak.

“I happened to be standing about 40 feet from the lectern from which the speeches of the day were made,” Morris recalled. “Dr. King’s ‘I have a dream’ speech touched me as it did millions of other who heard it in person or on TV. His dream has inspired me in my ministry from that day to this.”

Morris worked in Brazil with Catholic Archbishop Dom Helder Camara in Recife, in the impoverished northeastern region of that country. He was tortured and detained by the military because of his close ties to Camara. In 2008, Morris received compensation and a formal request for forgiveness for his torture.

He recently was appointed to a new faith community in North Hills, y in Los Angeles. There, he is working with people from Central America.

Retired bishop

Retired Bishop C. Joseph Sprague was a seminary student at The Methodist Theological School in Ohio when he was asked to join a small delegation heading to Mississippi in 1964.

“Across the years, when at times [I was] demonized for active involvement in controversial justice movements, colleagues have asked, ‘How did you get the way you are? Why do you do the things you do?’

“My stammering response, always incomplete, invariably includes a reference to Freedom Summer 1964 and the dream of the Kingdom, present and coming, which was made visible by those gallant voices and gorgeous faces I was privileged to hear and see 50 long years ago.”

Lifelong involvement in justice issues

The Rev. Phyllis Tyler, a retired ordained elder from the California Pacific Annual (regional) Conference, said her mission and passion—honed early in her life by the United Methodist parents who adopted her—led to a lifelong involvement in justice issues.

“My Selma-Montgomery march with Dr. King was part of the birth of my passion for justice and respect. The summer of 1964 incubated my heart and soul for getting in ‘holy trouble’ all my life,” she said.

The Rev. George D. McClain said Freedom Summer “was the shock treatment beginning of my real-world theological education.”

McClain is director emeritus, Methodist Federation for Social Action, and an adjunct faculty at New York Theological Seminary, The College of New Jersey.

“In Mississippi, I learned more deeply what ‘church’ is: gathering to pray and sing, to hear the Word and renew one’s hope, to nurse one’s wounds from the struggle, and to again take up the cross for a new reality.”

Freedom schools help launch educator

Schools led by the young volunteers who helped African-American children in Mississippi close the gap in their education caused by segregated schools were one big part of Freedom Summer.

Dorothy V. Smith, dean, College of General Studies, Dillard University in New Orleans, attended a Freedom School at St. Paul’s C.M.E. Church in McComb, Mississippi.

“Freedom School was like no other school I had attended,” she remembered. I did not receive grades on any work, but I worked as hard as I had worked in regular school. That summer opened a whole new arena of learning and life for me. When I returned to regular school after Freedom School, I was more determined than ever to become a teacher who taught black students about our history.”

Smith teaches history classes and uses her experience from that summer.

“Today, as I prepare lectures for my history classes at Dillard University, I often journey in memory to my regular school and to Freedom School, each time saying thanks to my teachers for allowing me to become what I wanted to become.”

Gilbert is a reporter for United Methodist News Service.



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OCTOBER 18

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