



# *The Sunbeam* November 2014

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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**



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**First Sunday of Advent, November 30**

## From the Pastor

### Paying Attention to the Seasons of God

As we come to a new season as far as weather is concerned (Autumn) and approach a new season in the life of the church (Advent), I think it is important for us to recognize the seasons of life as human beings that we encounter as well. Ecclesiastes 3 tells us that there is a “time and a season” for all things under heaven...and we would do well to recognize and celebrate this fact. There is a “time to be born, and a time to die” no matter how much we try to deny it.

We humans have a way of thinking that we are the ones in control of life and death and all things in between. The reality is that we have little control over these things. Medical science has shown us that we can prolong life, but we are not able to control life. We often hear folks talking about end of life decisions in terms of quality of life; and I would like to challenge you to look at each day in terms of quality of life.

I write this as I head out for some vacation and the Bishop’s Retreat. I’m excited about the possibilities of renewal and laughter and meditation and worship. I’m looking forward to seeing friends and family, playing with my girlies, walking in the woods (with Grandma’s **big** umbrella) and resting. I find that I can get so busy with the day to day workings of the church that I forget the day to day wonder of God...and this wonder is what gives my days and weeks and months quality. If I ignore the awesomeness that surrounds me, God’s calling on me becomes a job, a task to be accomplished, and I lose the quality of life and, therefore, you as a congregation also lose out. We all need to be aware of quality of life issues in the here and now; God asks us to fully participate in all the seasons of life – beginning, middle and end. Let us all take a look at how our personal “quality of life” measures up.

I am so grateful for time away, and so grateful to you for providing it. I promise to come back with renewed strength for the journey, new stories about my girls, a story or two about my colleagues and joy...always joy!

*With blessings,  
Pastor Jane*

### Thanks from the Trustees

On behalf of the Trustees, I want to thank those who helped to renovate Fellowship Hall. We appreciated the help of all the painters and those who made and ironed the drapes.

*—Judy Hinderliter*

## Calling All Bakers

### Dessert Auction Benefits the University Program in Haiti



On Sunday, November 23, 2014, auctioneer Charlie Cuykendall will 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, participants may taste all the desserts for a five dollar donation. Hot dogs and beverages will be available. At 12:15 p.m., the auction begins with a fresh set of bake goods. Proceeds from the auction will support LUMC’s university program in Haiti. It’s a family event, it’s fun, and it helps those who are seeking an education in one of the poorest countries in the world.

### Fall Festival

November 2

4:00 till ~5:30

The annual Fall Festival was lots of fun with about two dozen children participating in an inflatable labyrinth, hay ride, scarecrow building, and cider pressing. The Kids in Action Now followed by making decorations for the Giving Tree.



### Harvest Bazaar and Dinner

November 15, 2:00

Plan to help out by donating baked goods of all kinds in the bazaar bake shop, and you can help sell peanut brittle in the candy shop.

Then, at 4:00 it will be time for the dinner. In advance of the dinner, help out by roasting a turkey, and there’s plenty of jobs in the kitchen, as it will be a full Thanksgiving-style menu. Fun things to do include shredding bread for stuffing, cooking squash, peeling potatoes (the Friday night before) and then cooking the potatoes, along with the peas and making the gravy.

*Editor’s note:* My apologies for the late Sunbeam this month. The schedule kind of got away from me. We’ll be back on time for December.—gw

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Standard Time Resumes Worship 9:00 Kidz Quest 10:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir 11:30  Fall Festival 4:00 K.A.N. 5:30	<b>3</b> Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30  Staff Parish 7:00 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Prayer Service 9:00  Women's Bible Study 9:30  Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00	<b>6</b>   Christian Believer 7:00 Senior High Youth 7:00	<b>7</b> Needleworkers 10:00   Young Adult Fellowship 7:00	<b>1</b> Mens' Breakfast 7:00  Prayer Shawl Ministry/ Caregivers 10:00  <del>8</del> Mens' Breakfast 7:00
<b>9</b>  Worship 9:00 Kidz Quest 10:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir 11:30 LUMC Foreward Info Session 12:00  Youth Mission 6:30	<b>10</b> Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 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	<b>11</b> Veterans Day Thank you for your service.  Church Council 7:00 Fellowship Committee 7:00	<b>12</b> Prayer Service 9:00  Women's Bible Study 9:30  Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00	<b>13</b>   Christian Believer 7:00 Senior High Youth 7:00	<b>14</b> Needleworkers 10:00	<b>15</b> Men's Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00  Harvest Bazaar 2:00 Harvest Dinner 4:00
<b>16</b> Worship 9:00 Kidz Quest 10:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30  Junior Choir 11:30 Charge Conference 2:30-5:30 Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive	<b>17</b> Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Christian Believer 12:30  Food Pantry 1:00 (The RINK) Haiti Committee 7:00 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00	<b>18</b>  Worship Committee 7:00  SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight	<b>19</b> Prayer Service 9:00  Women's Bible Study 9:30  Choir 7:00	<b>20</b>  Christian Believer 7:00 Senior High Youth 7:00	<b>21</b> Needleworkers 10:00	<b>22</b> Men's Breakfast 7:00 Youth Mission 5K Run for a Cause 9:00  LOL With God 7:00
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### Watch for the Giving Tree in Advent

The tree with tags will go up (hopefully) no later than November 29. We know that many of you like to shop for our Christmas families, but you must act quickly, because gifts must be returned by December 7 in order to be given out by the December Food Pantry, December 15. The committee will have to shop for any

tags that are not taken, so it would be great if you grab some tags and head out to help our families.—*Diane Skrobback*



### Youth Mission 5k Turkey Trot #1

The Youth Mission 5K Is Set for Nov 22

Starting time is 9:00 at LUMC

You'll find registration info on the Youth Mission Facebook page, and you can get a registration form from the youth mission members. A good course for a good cause. The figure-8 loop goes down Brick-

yard, up Wilson, over Conlon, and returns on Buck Road. Race day number pickup and registration is 7:45 to 8:45. Students are \$10, adults \$20, add \$5 if you register after November 14. And if you want an official T-shirt, add \$15 to your registration.

### Community Thanksgiving Turkey Trot #2

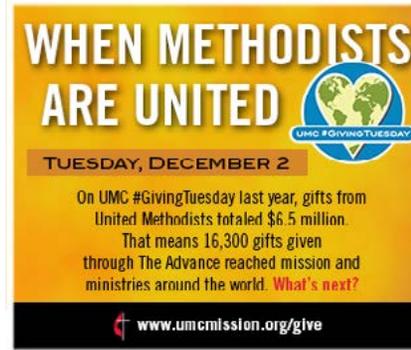
Thanksgiving Day, November 27

After your warmup on the Youth Mission 5K, plan to burn off some of those Thanksgiving calories in advance (and have fun) with another run (or walk, or intervals) around the 5K course on Thanksgiving Day. This is totally in the "fun run" category, a run just because you want to.

We'll start at 9:00 at LUMC and, unlike the Youth Mission run, you'll have to time yourself, if you're worried about time!

### LUMC Forward Moves Forward

We've gathered your ideas and it's time to decide how to move forward. Information sessions are set for November 2 and 9, at 12:00 (with food and child care). On November 16, we'll vote on the recommendations for our church. So, plan to attend.



### United Methodist Giving Tuesday

December 2

On December 2, you can extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season by participating in UMC #GivingTuesday. Every gift made online through The Advance at

www.umcmmission.org/give on Dec. 2 will be matched up to \$1 million.

Advance Specials is the name the United Methodist Church applies to donations to specific projects and missions. There's a long list of missions that qualify as Advances, as listed on the UMC website listed below. Just as an example, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has disaster relief projects, health ministries, refugee ministries, and water and sanitation projects.

The General Board of Global Ministries will allocate the matching funds dollar for dollar up to the first \$1 million in gifts to Advance projects received online on December 2 between 12:00 midnight and 11:59 p.m., eastern time. These matching gifts will go to the specific Advance projects that you donate to, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per individual gift to a project and a maximum of \$25,000 in matching funds per project. It's important to note that there is no overhead deducted from any gift. Every dime goes to the project or mission you designate.

Last year on UMC #GivingTuesday, United Methodists collectively raised a record \$6.5 million on line in through The Advance, as 11,000 individuals and churches in 34 countries gave more than 16,300 gifts to mission and ministries they believe in. It was a wonderful sign of commitment and extravagant generosity, maximizing the impact of thousands of United Methodists coming together on one day to transform the world.

UMC #GivingTuesday is part of an international movement to extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season. It offers an opportunity to start off the holiday season by giving instead of getting by supporting organizations that are transforming the world.

Visit [www.umcmmission.org/give](http://www.umcmmission.org/give) to search for Advance projects to support.



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