



The Sunbeam July 2014

Lansing United Methodist Church

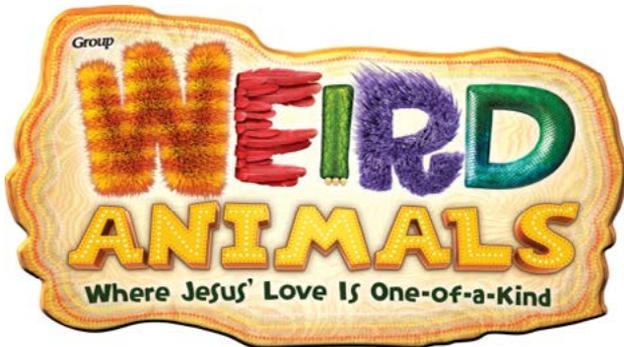
Worship 9:30AM IN MYERS PARK

PLEASE JOIN US!

Pastor: Jane Sautter

Christian Education Coordinator: Adam Bacher

Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner



Vacation Bible School

July 14-18

LUMC and All Saints

UMCOR Works with Haitian Methodists on Goat Ministry

Two years ago, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and Eglise Methodiste d'Haiti (EMH) launched a pilot goat-raising program they hoped would strengthen local farmer incomes. The program now has 640 farmers, and program leaders invited some of those farmers to help assess the program last month.

UMCOR and EMH talked with 60 farmers from the Cap Haitien and Petit Goave regions who commented on their experience of the "Passing on the Gift" goat-raising program.

The program provided farmers intensive training on improved methods of goat rearing, along with a small grant to purchase a female goat. All of the participants were required to "pass on" offspring as a "gift loan" to another beneficiary in their community. Some communities also contributed funds to purchase an improved-breed buck to help strengthen the local goat breeds. The team visited the farmers' homes to see where the goats were kept and observe the condition of the animals, their pens and food sources.

The goat farmers are interested in learning more about the illnesses to which goats are susceptible and how to better care for the goats. Farmers also wanted more training on growing goat forage and providing better nutrition to their animals.

This month, the UMCOR and EMH team will return to the two communities to provide training based on the reported needs. This collaborative effort allows each organization to complement the other's skill sets around agriculture, farming, and animal husbandry.

One farmer in the program is Appolon Sainte-Therese, who lives in Bourdeau in Petit, a small village near Petit Goave. Sainte Therese said the goats were very important for the farmers. She received her goat in May 2013 and "passed on the gift" of an offspring. Now she has three goats, including the mother goat. She said she hopes to use them in the future to buy land, marry, and build a house.

Like other farmers in the program, Sainte-Therese uses the weeds from her garden to feed her goats, but sometimes lets them roam free in the neighborhood during dry season. Sainte-Therese said she is proud when

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UMCOR's program is one of several that support goats in Haiti. Hope to Opportunity (H2O) is another, pictured here.



Goat Ministry (concluded)

her goats are in good health, but when one is sick, she uses traditional homeopathic methods—plant leaves—to treat them. She hopes EMH and UMCOR will offer her further training on how to better feed and care for the animals.

The goat ministry allows farmers to generate income to pay their children's school tuition, buy other animals, practice commerce, buy food for the household, and ensure the family's health. You can support the goat ministry with a gift to UMCOR Haiti Response, Advance #418325. Every dime of your gift to UMCOR goes to the purpose you specify. UMCOR deducts no overhead or expenses. Those are covered by the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.—*Based on a report from program leaders Lauren James and Jean Nelson Layette*

You Are Invited to "Birthday Tea for Two"

Sisters Mary Munson Benson and Jacoba Munson Baker are celebrating their 96th and 94th birthday parties together this year with a tea party. The "Birthday Tea for Two" open house is on Saturday, July 5, from 3:00 to 5:30 PM under the pavilion at Baker's Acres. All are welcome, but please RVSP to allow food prep estimates. Dress in your best tea party finery and don those summer hats. Gloves are optional. No gifts, please!



Women's Bible Study Summer Luncheon

This year's dish to pass picnic luncheon will be on August 6, 11:30 AM, at the lake cottage of Sharey Travis, 40 Milliken Station Rd. Extension. If you wish to car pool we will meet at LUMC, in the parking lot, at 11:30 AM.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>July 2014</i>		1 Staff Parish 7:00	2 Prayer Service 9:00	3	4 Needleworkers 10:00 The United States of America By the Grace of God Free and Independent for 238 Years	5 Men's Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00
6 CHURCH IN THE PARK Worship 9:30 Pavilion D Sunday School: Meditation on Water 11:00	7	8	9 Prayer Service 9:00	10	11 Needleworkers 10:00	12 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
13 CHURCH IN THE PARK Worship 9:30 Pavilion D Sunday School: Meditation on Water 11:00 Ice Cream Social Scoops in South Lansing, 6:00	14 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 Prayer Service at Woodsedge 11:00 VBS at LUMC 6:00 Trustees 7:00	15 VBS at LUMC 6:00 Membership 7:00 Worship Committee 7:00 SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight	16 Prayer Service 9:00 VBS at LUMC 6:00	17 VBS at All Saints 6:00	18 Needleworkers 10:00 VBS at All Saints 6:00	19 Men's Breakfast 7:00
20 CHURCH IN THE PARK Worship 9:30 Pavilion D Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive	21 Haiti 7:00	22 Finance 7:00	23 Prayer Service 9:00	24	25 Needleworkers 10:00	26 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
27 CHURCH IN THE PARK Worship 9:30 Pavilion D Ice Cream Social Lake Breeze in South Lansing, 6:00	28 Lansing Food Pantry 1:00	29	30 Prayer Service 9:00		 <p><i>Lansing United Methodist Church</i></p>	



Bring or rent a boat, kayak, canoe, or board for Meditation on the Water.

Sunday School: Meditation on the Water

July 6, 13, and 20, Myers Park following Church in the Park

Join us as we celebrate the beauty around us and converse with God on the water. Bring your boat or board, or rentals are available from Paddles “N” More. Life jackets and safety instruction will be provided. (Suggested rental donation is \$10 per Sunday.)

Following our church service and fellowship, we will paddle out and circle up to meditate with God. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Karen Veaner for rental information, and if you would like to be paired with a “boating buddy.”

Summer Picnic Schedule

Hosts will provide the space, a hot grill, and beverage. Everyone attending will bring a dish-to-share, table service, and anything they might like to grill. We gather around 6:00 with the idea of eating about 6:30.

Thursday, July 10, Hosted by the Nancy & Richard Wayman

Wednesday, July 23, Hosted by Bill & Judy Hinderliter

Tuesday, August 5, Hosted by Lorraine Groat & Gaylord Besemer

Wednesday, August 20, TBD

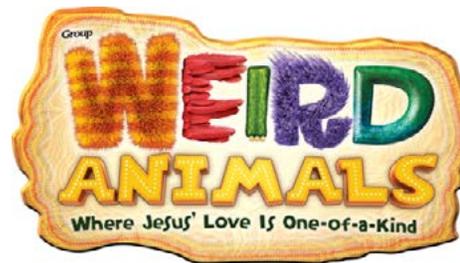
Ice Cream Social Schedule

Join us at 6:00 PM at various local scoop shops throughout the area! The schedule is as follows:

July 13: Scoops (Auburn Rd, South Lansing)

July 27: Lake Breeze (East Shore Drive, South Lansing)

August 10: Cream at the Top (Route 34B, one mile north of King Ferry)



VBS: Weird Animals

Lansing United Methodist Church and All Saints will conduct Summer 2014 Vacation Bible School July 14 through July 18. This year we are diving into the strange and colorful world of Weird Animals, where kids will be learning all

about how Jesus loves them through all situations and through the strange quirks we all have. VBS will run from July 14 through July 18, from 6:00 to 8:15 PM each evening for kids going into grades K through 5. We'll sing, dance, play, help, snack, and learn about what The Bible has to say about their lives.

Congregation members can help by praying for a child who would benefit from being part of VBS, inviting a child to join in the fun of VBS week, and donating a food item for snack time. Check the Narthex for donation items which are needed in the kitchen by Wednesday, July 9.

You can also help out the week of July 14-18. Contact Bonnie Blair at 257-0721 and we'll match you up with a job you'd enjoy.

VBS Mission Project Is Homeless People. VBS will be collecting donations to support Second Wind Cottages, a faith-based effort to build cottages in Newfield for homeless men. This is a project of Carmen Guidi of Newfield and Community Faith Partners who so far have built six cottages in an effort to help people move out of Ithaca's "Jungle" (secondwindcottages.org/index.html).

VBS will be setting out a container to put donations in. If you'd like to join in, please look for the house donation box in the Narthex on Sundays and throw in some spare change or slips for deposit cans and bottles. Every bit counts and we really appreciate the generous support our congregations have always provided towards the VBS Mission project.



Not Weird Animals. You'll have to come to VBS to see which animals are weird.





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9:30 AM



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