



The Sunbeam September 2014

Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:00AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!

Pastor: Jane Sautter

Christian Education Coordinator: Kevin Klippel

Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner



**Pancakes and Ice Cream
September 7**

From the Pastor

We're Methodists Because We're Methodical

Over the past several months, I have heard several people asking about the organization of LUMC and how one goes about being on a committee. I would like to explain our structure and the process now as we are fast approaching the time for new committee members to be elected!

According to The Book of Discipline, we are required to have a Church Council (the governing body of the church), a Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC, the personnel group), a Finance Committee (the money people), a Board of Trustees (care of the physical plant and legal entity), and a Lay Leadership Committee (nominations). All other teams and committees are formed by the local church for the purpose of doing effective ministry, and there is no limit to the number of committees a church may have. Some small churches are able to combine SPRC, Finance, Lay Leadership and the Church Council into one committee. The Board of Trustees, as the legal entity of the church, is required to be a separate group. Large churches (really large churches!) may have as many as 50 different committees to operate smoothly.

Traditionally, LUMC has used 3-year terms of office for all the standing committees. The only team that requires a 3-year term is SPRC, which is made up of 3 classes of 3-year terms and members may **not** succeed themselves. Members of all other teams may serve as long as they are willing and able. It is not healthy for any church to have people in the same positions for decades...new and fresh ideas, new eyes and approaches, new faces and ways of doing things are always beneficial for any organization. It is entirely possible to serve for one year to see how a specific committee "fits" before committing to long-term service.

I am proposing some changes in our structure for this next year. I would like to see Christian Education as one large committee with Adult Ministry, Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, Confirmation and Camping as sub-groups. I believe that the entire church would benefit from a cohesive Christian Education Program for all ages. At the very least, it would help with coordination of schedules and planning events! I also am proposing that the Finance Committee be expanded to include the Permanent Endowment

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From the Pastor (concluded)

Committee, Fundraising and Stewardship as sub-groups, rather than having all the weight of budgeting and stewardship fall to a few people (most of whom are committee chairs). I would like to see our Outreach Committee be expanded to Mission and Outreach, giving more opportunities for real mission and less focus on special events (which would fall to the Fundraising group under Finance).

Our Church Conference, where our officers will be elected, is our "annual meeting" and is open to anyone concerned about LUMC. Our Conference is tentatively scheduled for November 16, 2014. All church members are eligible to vote. If you are uncertain as to your membership status, please check with the church office for clarification.

I'm sorry to have written a long and "boring" article, but I believe it is important for us to know how LUMC is organized. If you have a special interest in serving on any team or committee, please speak to me soon... otherwise, I will be seeking you out!!

Many blessings, Pastor Jane

Church Activities in Resume in September

Waffle Breakfast and Sunday school signup, September 7, after worship ~10:00 AM


Enjoy waffles and come meet Kevin Klippel, our new Christian Education Coordinator for Children and Youth Ministries. Register your children and youth for Sunday School and learn all about our new program for 1st through 6th graders.!

Women's Bible Study. The Women's Bible Study group will resume on September 10, at the church, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The study text will be II Samuel.

Adult Choir. If you like to worship God through music, or just like to sing. Try it out! Join us on September 3, at 7:00.

Junior Choir. Junior Choir starts September 21, after Sunday school, at 11:30. For fall, junior choir will sing during several Sunday worship services. Watch the choir room door for more information.

Christian Believer Bible Study. We will be resuming CBBS starting on September 8, at 12:30 PM, and on Thursday, September 11, at 7:00 PM. Chapter 16, "The Reach Toward God."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p><i>September 2014</i></p>	<p>1 Labor Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Staff Parish 7:00</p>	<p>3 Prayer Service 9:00</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Needleworkers 10:00</p>	<p>6 Men's Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00 Blood Drive 8:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry/Caregivers 10:00</p>	
	<p>7 Worship 9:00 Sunday school registration and waffle breakfas</p> <p>Boda Anniversary Party 2:00-4:00 Contrats to Bob and Ina</p> <p>K.A.N. 5:30t</p>	<p>8 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</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Church Council 7:00</p>	<p>10 Prayer Service 9:00</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00 Senior High Youth 7:00</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Christian Believer 7:00 Senior High Youth 7:00</p>	<p>12 Needleworkers 10:00</p>	<p>13 Mens' Breakfast 7:00</p> <p>Blood Drive 8:30</p>
	<p>14 Worship 9:00 Sunday school 10:30</p> <p>Adult Mission 7:00</p>	<p>15 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30</p> <p>Christian Believer 12:30 Worship Committee 7:00 Haiti 7:00</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Membership 7:00</p> <p>SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight</p>	<p>17 Prayer Service 9:00</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00 Senior High Youth 7:00</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Christian Believer 7:00 Senior High Youth 7:00</p>	<p>19 Needleworkers 10:00</p>	<p>20 Men's Breakfast 7:00</p>
	<p>21 Worship 9:30 Sunday school 10:30 Junior Choir 11:30</p> <p>Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive</p>	<p>22 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30</p> <p>Christian Believer 12:30 Food Pantry 1:00</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Prayer Service 9:00</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00 Senior High Youth 7:00</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christian Believer 7:00 Senior High Youth 7:00</p>	<p>26 Needleworkers 10:00</p>	<p>27 Mens' Breakfast 7:00</p> <p>Rummage Sale Outside Setup 9:00</p>
	<p>28 Worship 9:00 Sunday school 10:30</p>	<p>29 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30</p> <p>Christian Believer 12:30</p>	<p>30</p>				
<p>Rummage Sale Setup and Drop-off</p>			<p>Rummage Sale Sorting Continues</p>		 <p><i>Lansing United Methodist Church</i></p>		

Building Study is Underway!

By now everyone should have received a letter from Pastor Jane explaining what the Building Study is all about. In case you missed it, here is what you need to know.

Back in February, 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 considering the matter, the Church Council determined that many of our ministries could be significantly enhanced if the church considered a building renovation...and so they created a Building Study Committee (BSC) to look into the matter.

The committee is made up of Jim Blair, Karen Bishop, Skip Hardie, Mike McGreevey, and Dave Stoyell and by the time you read this, our work will be well underway. Using the LUMC Forward data as a foundation, we have organized into "Task Forces" and are meeting with the chairs, committee members, and stakeholders of all our church's ministerial efforts. Our job is to study how well our physical infrastructure helps each of you carry out our church's program of ministry and what, if any, building improvements the congregation should consider in order to make our ministries even more successful in the future.

When complete, the results of this study will be put before the congregation. If a building renovation is recommended, and you the congregation agree, then the BSC would work with experts outside of the church to determine what is actually feasible and to professionally estimate the costs. 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.

If you would like to be a part of this effort or simply want to know more about the process, please contact me, Jim Blair, directly. My contact information is in the church directory. For those who just want to keep informed of our activities, we have posted our meeting minutes on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Yours in Christ, Jim Blair

Rummage Sale Rolls in October...

...But setup and sorting starts in September

The Fall Sale will be held October 3 and 4. Volunteers are needed Saturday, September 27 through Saturday, October 4. Tents will go up Saturday, September 27, and indoor setup begins Sunday, September 28, after fellowship time. Be ready to drop off your treasures for sale on September 28-30.

TeamEffort Mission Trip 2014

On July 27, twelve members of the Lansing Youth Mission traveled to Lakewood, New Jersey, where we stayed until August 1 doing mission work in Union Beach and Keansburg. We drove about 45 minutes every day to the shore to help demolish wreckage from Super Storm Sandy. The work we did was exhausting, dirty, and hard, but it was very fulfilling and by the end of the week we felt very accomplished. For the first day and a half, we cleaned up a site in Union Beach where a house had been demolished and the new foundation had been started but needed to be partially torn down. This involved sledgehammering, raking debris into bags, and loading trailers full of debris. We even spent two and a half hours emptying a truckload of concrete pieces into a dumpster. This was rewarding work because by the end of our time at the site we could see progress. Also, on the last day we met the homeowner and he supplemented our picnic lunch with a pizza! Our second work site, at which we spent Tuesday afternoon and all of Wednesday, we scraped tiles off of a concrete slab and then jack hammered the slab into dust. We wore dust masks, gloves, glasses, and earplugs so we were protected and everyone who wanted to got a chance to jackhammer. The last half day of work (Thursday morning) was spent priming the inside of a Keansburg house. This was a very relaxing after three days of hard work, and a nice way to finish off the work week.

Thursday afternoon, we got Jersey pizza and then spent some time at the Point Pleasant Beach and Jenkinson's Boardwalk. This was really fun, and it turns out the two other church groups we stayed with also went to the boardwalk! One group was from Wyoming, Delaware, and the other was from Niagara Falls. We made lots of friends, especially in the Niagara Falls group by playing Mafia at night in the lounge and playing games at meals. When we were leaving I think our friends summed it up pretty well. He said "See you on the internet!," which is pretty realistic as we're all following each other on social media now.

This mission trip with TEAMeffort was lots of fun and the nightly worship services were very fun and fulfilling. I learned a lot on this trip; about God, work, and people. It was a really great week.—*Leigh Miller*

Nursery Helpers Needed

Sign up to work one Sunday during worship using the sign-up sheet on the Nursery room door or contact Kay Moore, 533-7394 or kay@mooretrees.com. If each church family volunteered just one Sunday we would be covered for the entire year. Jo Baker, our nursery coordinator, will phone you the Friday before your Sunday with a friendly reminder. A special thank you to those who already signed up!



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WORSHIP

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SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

SEPTEMBER 7

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