



The Sunbeam July 2015

Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:30AM MYERS TOWN PARK

PLEASE JOIN US!

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Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner



G-Force!

Vacation Bible School

july 13-17

From the Pastor

Acts of Random Kindness

In the wake of the Charleston, South Carolina, shootings, many have asked what they can do to make a difference in our fractured world. There are obvious things to do—pray for peace, welcome the stranger, reach out to the marginalized might be a few. I ran across a suggestion that I think has merit, so I am issuing an ARK Challenge to the LUMC community. What is an ARK Challenge? Well, ARK is an acronym for Acts of Random Kindness. I challenge you, my beloved friends, to do some sort of kindness anonymously for someone each week of the summer. Find a way to sow the seeds of love and compassion. Send someone a note...or leave cookies on their doorstep. Don't look for recognition or thanks. Sure, some people will know that you are the one offering to help out, but do it anyway. It is our motivation that counts. Jesus didn't care who he helped...he offered healing and wholeness to everyone. We need to be about the same kind of work.

As sad as I am about the racism and hatred that seems to be running rampant throughout our culture, I still believe that the love taught by Jesus will win out over evil. We cannot give up! We must keep pressing on toward the Kingdom of God. The ARK Challenge is but one way of moving toward that goal. Since this is to be mostly anonymous, I won't be asking what you have done or are doing...but I will be reminding you periodically to keep trying to do acts of kindness.

May God bless our summer and lead us to a deeper understanding of what it means to live in peace and harmony. May we not give up hope that love will win.

*Blessings,
Pastor Jane*

Informal Summer Bible Study

A Look at the Parables

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Continuing through the summer, an informal Bible study is meeting during the usual Women's Bible Study time on Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in the Large Classroom. The focus is on the Parables, with shared leadership. All are welcome anytime.



VBS Is Ready to Blast Off

G-FORCE VBS!

Vacation Bible

School is nigh upon us! We kick off on July 13 at 6:00 p.m.! We hope you're looking forward to it as much as we are. Get ready to experience God's Love in Action!

And, hey—if you haven't registered your children yet, you still can! It's not too late! Just go to

VBS2015.doattend.com or scan this QR code on your phone.



VBS Mission Project

Locally Focused on the Racker Center: VBS is getting close, and it's time to get ready to help make a difference by spreading God's Love in Action! This year, we'll be collecting donations to build a climbing structure for the Franziska Racker Centers early childhood programs in Ithaca. This mission project was inspired by our "active" VBS G-Force Theme: Using God's power in our lives to help Move! Act! Care! Follow! and Share!

The mission of the Racker Centers is to support people with disabilities and their families to lead fulfilling lives by providing opportunities to learn and be connected with others. As part of that mission, the Centers provide early childhood services, including preschool special education and early intervention services. The proposed climbing structure will be valuable in promoting physical development by getting the kids climbing, playing and moving. Please take a moment to learn more about these services at www.rackercenters.org/



One suggestion for families who register will be to set aside the money they get back for deposit cans and bottles between now and VBS. We'll be setting out a container for donations. If you'd like to join in, please look for the donation box in the Narthex or in the Park 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!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

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SATURDAY

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			1 Informal Bible Study 9:30 The Parables	2	3 Church office closed for Independence Day	4 The United States of America By the Grace of God Free and Independent for 239 Years Men's Breakfast 7:00
5 CHURCH IN THE PARK Worship 9:30 MYERS PARK PAVILION D	6 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00	7 Needleworkers 10:00	8 Informal Bible Study 9:30 The Parables	9	10	11 Mens' Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00
12 CHURCH IN THE PARK Worship 9:30 MYERS PARK PAVILION D VBS Walkthrough 5:00	13 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 Prayer Service at Woodsedge 10:30 Trustees 7:00 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00	14 Needleworkers 10:00 Church Council 7:00	15 Informal Bible Study 9:30 The Parables SUNBEAM DEADLINE	16 17 Vacation Bible School at All Saints 6:00 each night		18 Men's Breakfast 7:00
19 CHURCH IN THE PARK Worship 9:30 MYERS PARK PAVILION D Bluegrass Picnic in the Park 10:30 Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive	20 Finance 7:00 Haiti 7:00 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00	21 Needleworkers 10:00 Worship Committee 7:00	22 Informal Bible Study 9:30 The Parables	23	24	25 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
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Bluegrass Picnic featuring Cincinnati Creek

Sunday, July 19, After Worship (Myers Park, Pavilion D)

Plan to stay after worship in the park for a great bluegrass concert, starting at about 10:30 or so.

Haiti BBQ



On August 1, Dave Hatfield will prepare his famous barbecue beef and pork dinner to benefit LUMC's Haitian University Program. Dinners will be served at the town ballfields from 11:00 a.m. on.

The menu will include: Barbecued beef, pork, salt potatoes, coleslaw, and dessert. It will cost \$10.00, and we will begin serving at 10:30 at the ballfields.

Adults In Mission Opportunity

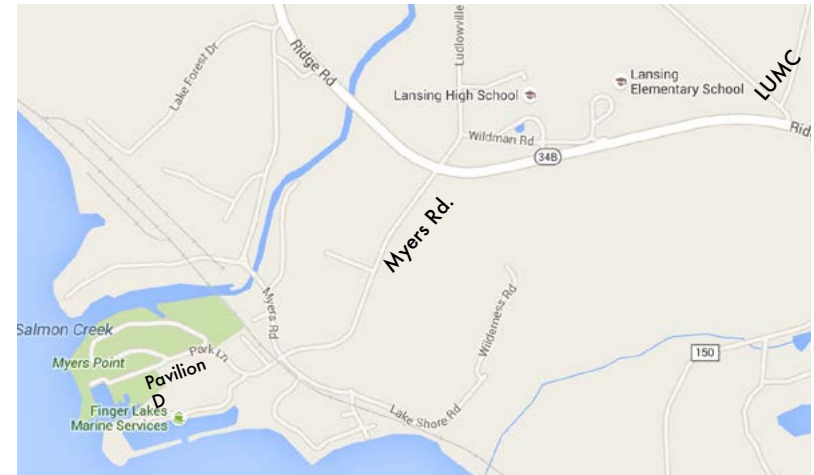
Hurricane Sandy Recovery in NJ

20 to 26 September 2015

LUMC Adults In Mission will lead a 12-person Mission Team to the Jersey shore to assist in recovery operations as a part of UMCOR's ongoing "A Future With Hope" operation. The team will lodge in a local UM Church and work on a house, or houses, in the area. Little to no formal construction skills are needed—just a strong Faith in Service to Christ through helping others in need. Contact Steve or Laura Alexander at 533-4869 or alexanderlaura@yahoo.com.

Adults in Mission: Local Home Improvements

Adults In Mission is looking for local area residents in need of minor home improvements or help around the house. This is intended to help those who cannot, either physically or financially, get these things done on their own. If you, or someone you know, needs help around the house this spring and summer please contact either the Alexanders (533-4869) or Glenn Withiam (533-4791).



Worship in the Park

During the month of July, LUMC services are held in Myers Park, just down the road from church. We're in Pavilion D, which is to the left after you pass the entry booth. Look for the green "Welcome to Worship" banner. We meet rain or shine, so make sure to dress for the weather. (Usually it's just beautiful down there.)

There's plenty of seating on the picnic tables, but many people like to bring their folding chairs, for comfort or just because.

If you'd like to help out a bit, there's a need for people to haul bulletins, offering baskets, and the sound system. It's usually good for someone to arrive early to make sure the pavilion is reasonably tidy and the tables are where they should be. Plus, everyone appreciates goodies after the service. So let the office know if you want to help out on a Sunday.

As shown on the map above, from the church, head on down Ridge Rd (34B northbound) to the four corners and turn left on Myers Road. Follow that down through another four corners and across the railroad tracks. Bear right into the town park and turn left after you pass the booth. When you get to the booth just tell the booth attendant that you're there for church (if you're not a Lansing resident), and there's no charge for entry. The pavilion will be on your left. If you get to the lake, you have gone too far! If you have mobility concerns, don't be shy, drive right up to the pavilion.

New Church Office Hours Beginning in July

Church office hours are changing beginning in July. Monday through Thursday will still be 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Fridays will now be 9:00 a.m.–Noon. The church office will be closed on Friday, July 3, for Independence Day.

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CHURCH IN THE PARK

WORSHIP AT MYERS PARK

ALL OF JULY

SUMMERTIME WORSHIP

9:30 A.M.

G-FORCE VBS

JULY 13-17

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