



The Sunbeam October 2016

Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!

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Christian Education Coordinator: Kevin Klippel

Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner



**LUMC Forward
Moves Into the Next Phase
October 2**

From the Pastor

God Makes All Things New

Behold, I will do a new thing. —Isaiah 43:19

I began pastoring in Lansing July 1. In August, I began again when Worship in the Park came into the Sanctuary. After Labor Day it was new again as we changed to a schedule of Worship at 9:00 a.m., Refreshments 10:00-10:30, and Sunday School for all ages 10:30-11:30.

Now, we have another new beginning: the next phase of the LUMC Forward Building Project. When you read this, we will all have turned in our pledge cards (hopefully!) They will have been totaled and the final amount—ready to take to the bank as collateral for a loan—will have been announced at the October 2 Celebration Service.

Building a facility for ministries that will outlive us is inspired by the faith and commitment of our ancestors in five small Methodist Churches who joined together to build the sanctuary of the current LUMC Building.

Writing about the time “Before this was LUMC” (printed in *The First Forty Years*, the church history written for LUMC’s 40th anniversary, p. 5-6), Grey T. Larison wrote about the involvement of the whole church in making the new church building possible:

“The entire project was done in an amazingly short time, because everybody gave all the hours and dollars they could—and then some. It made no difference whether it was man, woman, or child, we all ‘leaned in’ to the work of establishing our new church.”

“Leaning in” to work together is a part of who we are at LUMC, part of our DNA as a church. “Leaning in” means showing up, using the resources available to us, and becoming invested in the outcome of the project and the people with whom we are working. LUMC “leaned in” to build a new playground. At the Rummage Sale, everyone “leans in.”

As we transition into the new phase of the LUMC Forward Building Project, let us “lean in” to the work of building something new, so that each and every one of us is involved to the best of our ability. We continue growing in faith—as individuals and as a community—as we follow the Holy Spirit’s leading to “lean in” to new challenges and situations together.

After all, God’s investment in us through Jesus came long before we were even aware of our need for grace. Let us invest in the future generations that we know will come after us.

*Blessings,
Pastor Alison*

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 2

On this Sunday, we join with Christians around the globe in sharing the Last Supper with Christ. We also will receive a special offering that provides support for people who are trying to better themselves. Countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven’t historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy. On World Communion Sunday, your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. For more information: www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sunday.



A Special Invitation to Worship on October 2



Please come to a special worship celebration on Sunday, October 2, beginning at 9:00 a.m. After we celebrate our unity with Christians around the world through the sacrament of Holy Communion, at 10:15 a.m., we will celebrate the culmination of our LUMC Forward Building Fund Drive with a special service. Sunday School classes are cancelled on October 2, so that people of all ages can celebrate together at a reception following the special service. The number of pledges made, and the total amount of money pledged will be announced at the LUMC Forward Celebration. As the Building Fund Drive comes to a close, we can move to the next phase of our LUMC Forward initiative, which is to start the actual construction, beginning with complete plans and drawings.

Church World Service Kits Are Shipped!

Thanks to all for contributing to the Church World Service kits for children and families around the world. In September LUMC delivered 118 school kits, 32 hygiene kits, and 15 baby kits to the Church World Services warehouse in Maryland. The approximate value of these kits is \$2,121. More school kits were being assembled in September. Special thanks to the KAN kids for their help. Many thanks for your support and contributions!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Worship 9:00 LUMC Forward Celebration 10:15 Junior Choir 11:30 Youth Ministry 11:45 K.A.N. 5:30	3 Pancakes and Prayer 7:00 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Communion at Woodsedge 11:00 Staff Parish 7:00 Wingmen 7:00	4 Needleworkers Group 10:00 Ladies in Faith Together 6:30 Crossroads	5 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Safe Sanctuaries 10:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00	6 Finance 7:00	7 Junior High Youth 6:00 Senior High Youth 6:00	1 Mens' Breakfast 7:00 Rummage Sale 8:00 Cleanup Begins 12:00 Mens' Breakfast 7:00 8 Prayer Shawl Ministry/
9 CHILDREN'S SABBATH Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir 11:30 Youth Mission 6:30	10 Pancakes and Prayer 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Trustees 7:00 Wingmen 7:00	11 Needleworkers Group 10:00 Church Council 7:00	12 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00	13	14 Junior High Youth 6:00 Senior High Youth 6:00	15 Mens' Breakfast at Linda's 7:00 in North Lansing Every Saturday Sunbeam Deadline Midnight
16 Worship 9:00 Junior Choir 11:30 Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive	17 Pancakes and Prayer 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Bible Study at LUMC 12:00 Haiti 7:00 Wingmen 7:00	18 Needleworkers Group 10:00 Worship Committee 7:00	19 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Safe Sanctuaries 10:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00	20	21 Junior and Senior High Youth Field Trip Women's Retreat at Casowasco	22 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
23 Worship 9:00 BIBLE SUNDAY FOR THIRD GRADERS STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir 11:30 Children's Ministry 11:45 Youth Mission Chili Cook-off at All Saints 4:00 Red Bird Box Deadline	24 Pancakes and Prayer 7:00 Safe Sanctuaries Training 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Bible Study at LUMC 12:00 Food Pantry at the Rink 1:00 Wingmen 7:00	25 Needleworkers Group 10:00	26 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00	27	28 Junior High Youth 6:00 Senior High Youth 6:00	29 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
30 Worship 9:00 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN CONTINUES Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir 11:30 Family Fall Festival 3:00	31 Pancakes and Prayer 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Bible Study at LUMC 12:00 Wingmen 7:00		October 2016	 Lansing United Methodist Church		

Adult Ministries Study Opportunities

Sunday mornings, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Listening: A Meditation Practice, with Shared Leadership (in Karen's office)

Be still and know that I am God—Psalm 46:10

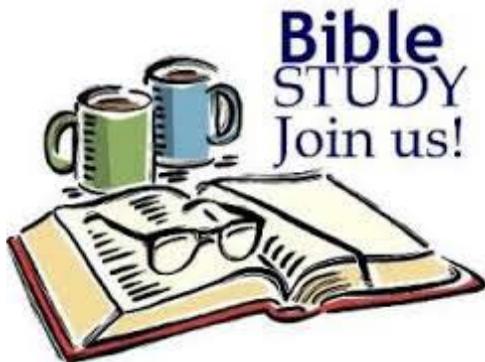
Join us for a time of Holy awareness. Explore the power of prayer.

The Wired Word, with Judy Hinderliter (in Large Classroom)

Confront world news with Scripture and Hope. The Wired Word pulls topics straight from the headlines and offers thought provoking questions to encourage us to dig deeper. Join in a rich discussion of current events and explore their relationship to scripture and everyday life.

The Story of the Bible, with Karen Veaner

Looking to make sense of the Bible? Interested in where it came from? Journey through the story of the Bible and learn how it came to be the books we hold in our hands today. Trace the history of the Bible from early ancient manuscripts to the Bible you own. It's a story of faith, murder, betrayal, and Faith. It's a Love story. Who would have thought the story of bringing the Scriptures into the many translations available today could be so exciting? Rediscover the power of Scripture and what it can offer us today. The Holy Bible – It's bigger on the inside...



Creation Study

Coming in November to a classroom near you! God created the world in 6 days, Ken Hover will use 3 Sunday mornings to reveal his take on the creation story. You won't want to miss it!

Monday Bible Study, with Bonnie Blair

Our Monday Bible Study at Noon with Bonnie will resume on October 17. The curriculum is still in the works. Stay tuned!

Women's Bible Study Resumes

Wednesday, October 5, 9:30

Jan Nagel will lead the group in a study of Paul's letter to the church at Galatia. This is one of LUMC's longest-running groups. Come find out why!

Women's Spiritual Retreat—"A Hand-Crafted Life"

October 21 and 22, Casowasco Retreat Center

"The beauty and value of a 'hand-crafted life,' a life that is consciously assembled from pieces that you select and craft together..."—Seena B. Frost, creator of SoulCollage

We have ten women signed up for the full retreat, and more are welcome for the full session, Friday night and all day Saturday. But if you cannot stay overnight on Friday, we are offering a Saturday-only option. For those wishing to participate during the day on Saturday, the cost is \$65.00 and includes 3 meals. This weekend we will take time to sit at the feet of our Lord and explore what it means to mindfully shape our lives to make room for Sabbath. Local artist, Patty Brown, will introduce Soul Collage—a process of selecting images and making personal cards that will serve as a daily reminder to handcraft your own life and to choose pieces that fit together meaningfully, and with joy. Bring an open heart, an open mind, and a desire to be in closer community with God and with each other. The cost for the overnight retreat is \$125.00 per person. If the cost is prohibitive, please speak to Karen Veaner, as some scholarship money is available.

Men's Spiritual Retreat

Casowasco Retreat Center

A men's retreat is in the works, and we are currently firming up date options and a mystery host for the men. Please sign up if you are interested in a retreat experience. There is no (financial) commitment needed until dates and plans are settled. We will need 10 participants to make this party happen. The cost for an overnight retreat is \$125.00 per person and includes bed with linens at Casowasco and 4 meals from dinner on Friday through dinner on Saturday. Please email Karen Veaner (AdultMinistries@LansingUnited.org) or sign up in the Narthex. You may also call or text Karen at 607-592-1386.

Red Bird Christmas Mission

We're collecting the plastic bins packed with items of your choice from a list (which can be found on the table in the Narthex), marked for a girl or boy with their age range group (2-4, 5-9, 10-14). The youth will run a collection table on Sunday mornings through October 23. You may also bring in donations any time throughout the week. These will then be shipped to Red Bird via Endwell UMC.

Please leave your unwrapped bins at this collection table no later than Sunday, October 23. Contact Kevin with any questions at youthcoordinator@lansingunited.org or 1-607-444-LORD.

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Methodist Church

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 30

3:00

Lansing United Methodist Church

32 Brickyard Road, Lansing, NY 14882

one mile north of the stoplight on

Route 34B in South Lansing.

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